

The Weather
Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 68
Minimum today 46
Precipitation 0 12

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 56
Minimum 38

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year. Weekly—Fifty-third Year. MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1925. NO. 22

CREW ON RUNAWAY BLIMP NEAR DEATH

S.O.S. SENT BROADCAST FROM R-33

First Officer and Twenty Men Carried to Sea When English Dirigible Breaks Away in Terrific Storm—Nose of Ship Smashed—Naval Sloop Dispatched to Rescue

AMSTERDAM, April 16.—At 7:15 o'clock tonight the following message was picked up from the steamship Amazon Maru: "All stations stand by. English airship R-33 S.O.S. Clear at once."

LONDON, April 16.—(By Associated Press.) The wireless station at Diss, Norfolk, intercepted a radio message from the R-33 shortly after seven o'clock tonight in which the dirigible called for help and said that the nose of the ship had been torn away when it broke loose from the mooring mast at Pulham this morning.

The news that the R-33 had broken away was the greatest airship sensation in England since the fatal explosion aboard the R-38 in 1921 when the dirigible built to become the ZR-2 of the United States air fleet was wrecked during a trial flight near Hull with the loss of forty-six lives, including sixteen Americans. When the R-33 broke loose from her mooring mast today there was a prolonged ripping sound. A few moments later the big air vessel sped past Harleston low in the air and almost scraped the tops of farm houses as it swept along helplessly in the gale. For forty minutes the R-33 was above Port Lowestoft, thirty miles from Pulham, battling bravely against the gale but still in danger and dipping eastward with sudden shifts of the wind.

Huge crowds assembled on the shore to watch the struggle. Slowly, as the engines began to turn, the ship took an even keel. The R-33 was commanded by its first officer, Flight Lieutenant R. S. Booth, and twenty men of the regular crew of 28 were aboard. The wind had veered from a westerly direction to the northwest and has slightly decreased in the neighborhood of the ship which now is about 75 miles northwest of Amsterdam. The wind has definitely decreased in the north of England. The British naval sloop Godetia is following the dirigible.

It was officially stated that no relatives of members of the crew were on board. This is denial of a report that when the R-33 broke away relatives of some of her crew were on the airship and had been carried off with her.

Passing of the Early Pioneer

HOOD RIVER, Ore., April 16.—Taken suddenly ill from an attack of blood poisoning late yesterday afternoon, Charles A. Bell, 65, and for forty years a resident of Hood River, died soon after being taken to a hospital here. He did not regain consciousness and physicians say they are unable to determine the cause of his sudden demise.

Mr. Bell was a native of New Brunswick, Canada, and was proprietor of the Mount Hood hotel here. He is survived by his widow, one son, Fred H. Bell of Hood River, a brother, George A. Bell, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Young, both of whom reside at New Brunswick.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon.

WOMAN RACE TRACK PLUNGER GETS \$7,365 VERDICT FROM A N. Y. JURY

NEW YORK, April 16.—At the race track Mrs. Ada G. Wells lost all her money and all she could get from relatives, but in a legal action she has recovered \$7,365 from Philip S. Abraham, the bookmaker, who she said, took her bets.

A jury's verdict, directed by Supreme Court Justice Prosser, was based upon a section of the penal law providing that a person who loses money to a bookmaker can recover the

"Babe" Ruth to Be Operated Upon As Result of Illness

NEW YORK, April 16.—"Babe" Ruth, an influenza patient at St. Vincent's hospital, will be operated on tomorrow for the relief of abscesses which have developed as a result of his weakened physical condition.

EASTERN OREGON HIT BY TORNADO DAMAGE SLIGHT

Genuine Twister Sweeps Over Condon and Pendleton Districts—Homes Destroyed, Barns Lifted in Air, But No Fatalities Reported.

CONDON, Ore., April 16.—Damage estimated between \$5000 and \$10,000 was caused by a tornado which struck Condon and surrounding country late yesterday. The storm swept in from the southwest and after damaging buildings in the southwestern part of town jumped to the northeastern section, where further damage was done.

Two high school students, Art Morgan and Thomas Westcott, were cut by flying glass when the roof of the school house was torn off by the storm.

The county machine shop and the warehouse of the Arlington Lumber company were wrecked, the combined loss to these two plants amounting to about \$6000.

A dozen barns and garages in Condon were destroyed and many such buildings were wrecked in the country nearby. Fragments of a barn dropped on the roof of the Congregational parsonage, knocking it in. Many windows in town were broken.

PENDLETON, Ore., April 16.—Actual damage of approximately \$5000 was done yesterday in the high wind that visited Umatilla county and gave people here the nearest thing to a corn belt tornado that this part of the west has ever experienced.

Two warehouses were wrecked, one at Barnhart, and another at Fulton, innumerable trees, big and little, were blown over, many small buildings were wrecked and some damage to telephone and power lines was done. In some places the wind was merely strong and came in a direct line, but in other spots the currents apparently came from opposite directions and resulted in a "twister" that lifted buildings and played other freakish tricks.

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 16.—La Grande escaped a disastrous wind storm yesterday owing to the fact that it lies protected by hills, according to persons who declared they saw two storms, one sweeping from north to south, and the other out to west, meet high above the city with terrific force. The strong wind toppled over several children at the Central grammar school. One boy was blown against the building and was slightly bruised. No one was seriously hurt. Trees were blown down in the hills. The storm was accompanied by a roar peculiar to storms in the mid-west, one resident asserted. He declared his first instinct was to hunt a cellar.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 16.—Klamath Falls this afternoon was in the throes of a severe sand storm in the south wind attained high velocity shortly before the noon hour and swept before it an ever-spreading cloud of fine sand which fell upon the streets here.

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BEN DORRIS KICKED OUT BY PIERCE

Democratic Member of State Game Commission Is Discharged By Governor—Action Result of Personal Feud—Corvallis Man Gets Place—Sportsmen Aroused.

SALEM, Ore., April 16.—Political differences and a breach in friendship that has been widening since early in the late legislative session caused Governor Pierce yesterday to oust Ben F. Dorris of Eugene from the state game commission. The governor appointed M. H. Bauer of Corvallis to fill the vacancy.

The schism between Dorris and the governor was started when Dorris early in the legislative session is said to have showed himself in favor of taking the appointment of fish and game commissions out of the hands of the governor and placing them in the hands of the state board of control.

The governor yesterday afternoon called Dorris by telephone at Eugene and requested him to send in his resignation by letter. Dorris replied that he wanted some time to consider the matter, whereupon the governor said he wanted to take action immediately and that he would remove Dorris without waiting for his resignation.

Dorris became a member of the commission by appointment of Pierce June 18, 1923, and his term would have expired February 25, 1928. Bauer, his successor, is a creamery man at Corvallis, and is said to be active in various game organizations of the state.

Confers with Advisers Before deciding upon the removal of Dorris, the governor conferred at some length with his advisers, State Insurance Commissioner Will Moore, Accident Commissioner Dillard Elkins and Milton A. Miller.

Dorris, the ousted commissioner, is prominently connected with the American Legion and served overseas during the war, where he was seriously wounded. The governor refused to comment on the ouster, but the breach between the two men has been obvious for many months.

One thing that is believed to have caused the split is Dorris' friendly attitude toward Charles Hall of Marshfield, whom Dorris is said to favor for governor, rather than again support Pierce should the latter again be the nominee of Dorris' own party.

Dorris was also opposed to the "fishing bill" of the last legislature which includes the game commission among the state activities that are required to pay ten per cent of their proceeds into the state general fund. Dorris also is said to have resented a suggestion in the governor's message that the game commission be removed from politics by being transferred to the state agricultural college.

Dorris Says Little EUGENE, Ore., April 16.—"The Lord liveth and the Lord taketh away," was the statement of Ben F. Dorris, of Eugene, former member of the state game commission, who was removed from the office yesterday by Governor Walter M. Pierce, when questioned concerning the affair. Beyond this, he would say little.

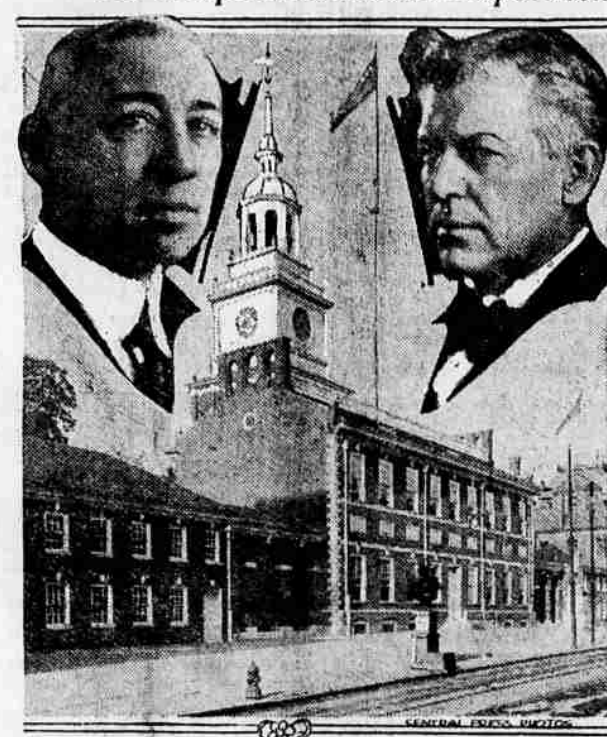
His only concern, he declared, was for the future of the game propagation system. Oregon has invested a great deal in game propagation during the four years the commission has been functioning, he said, and he expressed the hope this money would not be wasted by changes in the personnel or system that might result from making a "political football" of the commission.

Governor Pierce, he said, called him yesterday on the telephone and asked him for his resignation, saying that there was a growing lack of harmony between Mr. Dorris and the executive. The commissioner expressed his surprise and asked for a few hours' time that he might consult with friends, he said.

"The governor did not seem to wish him to wait, so informed me that he was making a dismissal," Mr. Dorris said. The members of the Jackson County Game Protective association were astounded today on learning of Governor Pierce's action in removing Ben Dorris of Eugene from the state game commission.

Inasmuch as Mr. Dorris is very popular among the sportsmen of this section it is quite probable that the matter will be given considerable discussion at tonight's annual banquet of the game protective association at the Hotel Medford, which begins at 8:30 p. m. Mr. Dorris has attended these banquets here for years. He intended to attend tonight, but (Continued on Page Six)

Construction Begins on Buildings for Sesqui-Centennial Exposition



Construction of the buildings for Philadelphia's world's fair, the Sesqui-Centennial exposition in 1926, has been begun, and plans are being made for a total of 40,000,000 visitors. J. W. Free-land Kendrick, the mayor (left) is head of the citizens' committee, and David C. Collier (right) is director-general of the exposition. Also shown is Independence Hall, around which many of the exposition events will center.

U. S. A. AIRSHIP BREAKS RUDDER AND RUNS AWAY

Big Scott Field Airship Drifts Helplessly Across Illinois As Rescuers Pursue in Motor Cars—Attempts to Land Fail.

BLACK WALNUT, Mo., April 16.—The TC-3 and its crew of seven landed here safely late today after drifting with the air currents across the Mississippi and Missouri rivers from Caseyville, Ill., where the ship suffered a mishap to the steering apparatus.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., April 16.—The TC-3, a big Scott field airship with a crew of seven suffered a mishap to its steering apparatus while over Caseyville, Ill., this afternoon and was forced to drift with the air currents like a free balloon.

The craft drifted over Granite City, Ill., about 1:45 p. m., then crossed the Mississippi river, according to reports reaching Scott field and it was believed the wind might carry it to Lambert-St. Louis field at Bridgeton, Mo., where a landing might be effected.

Immediate hope of landing the ship at Lambert-St. Louis was lost when the craft passed near Florissant, Mo., and continued north over the Missouri river about 12:30 p. m. It was then about thirty miles north of Caseyville, Ill., where the accident occurred.

Continuing a northwesterly course the ship recrossed the Mississippi river and was sighted at Grafton, Ill., at 3:10 p. m. Men from Lambert-St. Louis field hurried in pursuit of the airship in automobiles. It was seen the ship sometimes dropped towards the earth but seemingly could not finish the effort to land and would rise high again.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 16.—Expert safe-blowers last night blew open the safe in the office of the Big Basin Lumber company and looted the strong box of its money contents. Officials of the company declined to make public the loss, although they said it was a small amount.

The years are believed to be the same who have blown open three other safes here during the past two weeks. Police and sheriff's deputies have been unable to obtain any clues.

BASEBALL SCORES

American.		R.	H.	E.
At Philadelphia—		3	8	1
Boston		7	13	1
Batteries: Kallio, Ross and Pichnich; Rommel and Cochrane.				
At St. Louis—		2	4	0
Cleveland		1	5	1
St. Louis		1	5	1
Batteries: Uhle and Myatt; Vansilder and Dixon.				
At Detroit—		4	7	2
Chicago		2	6	1
Detroit		2	6	1
Batteries: Fisher and Schalk; Collins and Woodall.				

National League.

At Brooklyn—		R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia		8	12	1
Brooklyn		1	6	1
Batteries: Mitchell and Henline; Rush, Roberts, Thormahlen, Osborne and Taylor.				

CHICAGO, April 16.—Gabby Hartnett of the Chicago Cubs cracked out two home runs in the fifth and sixth innings in the game against the Pittsburgh Pirates today. One man was on base when he hit the first homer off Kremer. Babe Adams was on the mound when he knocked the other circuit clout.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, April 16.—The closing was irregular. Weakness of high priced specialties was the outstanding feature of the late trading. United States Steel Iron Pipe breaking 13 1/2 points to 155, Commercial Solvents B dropping 4 points and General Electric 2 1/2.

Price movements in today's stock market lacked uniformity. Cattle, sugar, copper and steel shares turned reactionary on unfavorable trade news. Bullish demonstrations were successfully conducted however, in the Maxwell, Willam Overland and Nash Motor issues, all of which attained new peak prices for the year. Total sales approximated 1,350,000 shares.

Old Stern-Wheeler On Klamath Lake Goes Up in Smoke

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 16.—Fire early this afternoon claimed the old stern wheeler "Winema," landmark of the early pioneer days of Klamath county, and took with it a dock and warehouse on the shores of upper Klamath lake at Shippington. The old boat ceased active service on Klamath lake and has since been used as a dwelling. It was owned by John Totten and was used by Steven Mead.

Miss Oberholzer died Tuesday

Explode Bomb During Cathedral Funeral; Many People Killed

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Many persons were killed and injured today by the explosion of an internal machine in the cathedral during the funeral services for General Georgiev, who was murdered Tuesday. The cathedral in which the services were being held was the Sventia Madella. The explosion of the bomb killed several persons and wounded many others, but the governmental ministers who were present were unharmed.

NEW HI SCHOOL ELECTION SET FOR MAY 5TH

School Board Follows Suggestions of Eugene Experts and Decides to Have Two Elections and Offer Two Sites.

The school board, after months of investigation, has finally issued a call for a special election to vote bonds for a new high school site, and building, to be held May 5 next.

This election is only for the purpose of voting \$185,000 in bonds for the purchase of a site, and for building the first unit of a proposed \$300,000 high school building, but another special election will be held probably a week later, May 12, for the selection of a site, at which at least two sites will be submitted.

Only property owners can vote at the bond election, but at the site election all qualified voters of the city can vote. In holding two special elections the board is following out the recommendation of the U. of O. administration experts, who had spent the forepart of this week here in looking over the situation.

The formal report of these experts relating to proposed sites, is expected here before the end of the week, and may come tonight. The experts advised that the bonds be voted first, and after that the voters select the site.

The experts also almost unanimously coincided with the board's plans for a building to cost \$300,000, and also agreed that the bond issue be for \$185,000, although the board could bond for about \$207,000 at the coming special election.

In the opinion of the board and the experts it would not be wise to bond the full amount of \$207,000, because of the grade school situation, which may require the expenditure of a considerable sum before crowded room relief is furnished by the completion of the new high school unit. Therefore \$22,000 is held back to be voted for bonds for the graded schools situation, in case such action is found necessary.

The special election of May 5 will be held at the high school building between the hours of 2 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Death Toll of the Automobile

YANKTON, S. D., April 16.—Two women and a child were burned to death and another woman was injured today when their automobile plunged from the highway near Beresford, overturned and burst into flames.

The dead, reports received here said, are Mrs. S. Nevada Herford of Aberdeen, Wash.; Miss Doreen Finnegan, Yankton, and David Finnegan, three years old. Mrs. D. M. Finnegan, daughter of Mrs. Herford was severely injured.

EX-KLAN GOBLIN DENIED PLEA; MUST STAND TRIAL ON SERIOUS CHARGE

INDIANAPOLIS, April 16.—Motivated to quash five indictments returned against D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, charging him with an attack on Miss Madge Oberholzer, were overruled today by Judge James A. Collins in criminal court. Stephenson, through his attorney, Eph Inman, then entered a plea of not guilty.

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CONFESSES POISONING 3 CHILDREN

Mrs. Anna Cunningham Confesses She Gave Poison to Children She Loved the Best—Spared Daughter Because She Disliked Her—Took Poison Herself.

CROWN POINT, Ind., April 16.—Mrs. Anna Cunningham recovered from an apparent cataleptic state in the county jail today and for the first time since she was charged with the murder of her son Walter by poisoning and her confession to poisoning three of her children was placed alone in a cell. Her preliminary hearing has been indefinitely postponed.

CROWN POINT, Ind., April 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Calm and unmoved Mrs. Anna Cunningham, 49, confessed last night that she gave poison to three of the five members of her family whose mysterious deaths within six years led to an investigation, resulting in a murder charge against her.

The victims—Isabelle, 18; Charles 19 and Walter, 13, she said she had killed because she loved them best. She believed she was going to die, she said, and wanted to take them with her to join their father who died in 1918.

For the same reason she had given poison to David, the last son, now in a critical condition in a Chicago hospital. She denied that she had poisoned her husband, the first to die, or Harry, another son, in whose body coroner's chemists found arsenic. She spared Mae, 13, surviving daughter, because she disliked her she said.

Each time she administered the arsenic in bread and butter she took a similar dose herself and after the death of Walter she added a teaspoon full of iodine, but always recovered. Her desire "to join in heaven" her husband and take with her her best loved children had prompted her to administer the death potion to Isabelle, the first victim, who died December 31, 1920.

The confession of the woman who had remained unshaken under the questioning in Chicago of Prosecutors Robert E. Crowe and John Shabaro, who had obtained admissions of guilt from Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, was obtained by Sheriff Benjamin H. Strong and Miss Maureen McKernan, Chicago newspaper reporter.

During yesterday after she had recovered from a state of coma into which she had lapsed Tuesday, Mrs. Cunningham talked to Miss McKernan and admitted that she might have placed some arsenic in the food of David by mistake, but was stolid in denial that she had poisoned any members of her family.

She permitted the reporter to apply cold compresses to her head and loosen her clothing, appearing more interested in changing her best black silk dress for an apron than in her subsequent coldblooded recital of the deaths.

Suddenly she asked that her daughter Mae be sent for and that she be removed from her cell because of the presence there of several women prisoners. Disregarding the girl's frantic screams to remain silent she detailed her story first to Sheriff Strong and later to a court reporter.

The daughter refused to remain and listen to the account of the deaths of her brothers and was taken away. She also refused to remain in the jail near her mother during the night and spent the night at a hotel. When she was asked to sign the transcribed confession at 2:40 a. m. today Mrs. Cunningham betrayed emotion for the first time. She broke down and sobbed.

after an illness of two weeks attributed by her parents and by her physicians to poison taken following the alleged attack by Stephenson. An inquest into her death was continued today by County Coroner Dr. Paul F. Robinson and funeral services were planned for this afternoon. Because of a crowded calendar, Judge Collins indicated it would be impossible to try the case before May 25. No date was fixed.