

**The Weather**  
Prediction.....Fair and cooler  
Maximum yesterday.....88.8  
Minimum today.....44.9

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
Maximum.....78  
Minimum.....35

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## WIFE HELD AS ACCOMPLICE OF SHEPHERD

**Mrs. Wm. D. Shepherd Flees When Coroner's Jury Orders Her Held As Accessory to Murder of Boy Millionaire—Promises to Return When Bail Is Fixed.**

CHICAGO, May 6.—Mrs. William D. Shepherd, who went into hiding after a coroner's jury recommended yesterday that she be held as an accessory to the murder of William McCintock, the boy millionaire, and his mother, Mrs. Emma Nelson McCintock, planned to give herself up in court today, her attorney announced. They said they anticipated no difficulty in obtaining bail for her.

Her husband, William D. Shepherd, was held in his cell in Cook county jail where he has been held since March 18 and thrice was denied bail after he was indicted, charged with the murder of "Billy" McCintock.

Mrs. Shepherd was angered by the finding of the coroner's jury against her and the accusations made against her by Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court, whose late brother, Dr. Oscar Olson, was the McCintock family physician and whose death the judge had also pronounced in connection with the death of Mrs. McCintock, 16 years ago, and her son last December 4.

"I hope there will be a fitting punishment for the finders of the coroner's jury against her and the accusations made against her by Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court, whose late brother, Dr. Oscar Olson, was the McCintock family physician and whose death the judge had also pronounced in connection with the death of Mrs. McCintock, 16 years ago, and her son last December 4.

The defense attorneys indicated that Mrs. Shepherd would not surrender until the court had acted on the bail matter.

## INVESTIGATION OF ST. P. FAILURE DEMANDED

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Investigation of the recent failure of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad will be demanded by Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, immediately after congress convenes in December.

## VINCENT ASTOR'S PALATIAL MANSION SOLD TO POLISH EMIGRANT BOY FOR \$3,000,000

NEW YORK, May 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The palatial mansion of Vincent Astor, at Fifth Avenue and 65th street, long known as one of the social landmarks of the country, was the property today of Benjamin Winter, who 23 years ago was a penniless emigrant boy from Poland. The price was approximately \$3,000,000. The residence will be demolished and a new \$16,000,000 apartment house will be erected there, Mr. Winter said.

## Churchyard Famed in "Gray's Elegy" Saved From Land Speculators

LONDON, May 6.—The churchyard at Stoke Poges, immortalized in Gray's Elegy, has been saved by the efforts of a number of Englishmen and Americans from the threat in the form of a group of building speculators who have long been aiming to possess the surrounding meadowland.

## DRY BLOCKADE OF RUM SHIPS NOW UNDERWAY

Atlantic and Great Lakes Scene of Armada Operations—Coast Guard Cuts Down Liquor Supply—Airplanes Used in Drive.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Through the censorship accompanying Uncle Sam's blockade of the rum fleet there filtered today news of increases in the great dry armada over in action. Came, too, suggestions that the Great Lakes, as well as the Atlantic, would be the scene of a blockade.

Twenty-one boats have gone from New York to watch the liquor fleet, on board, on a fifty mile front an hour's steaming distance from shore. Twenty-five craft from New England ports joined those from New York.

Twelve more rum chasers are ready to depart for the scene of action from their Staten Island base. Reports from Detroit say that a dry fleet of ten craft is expected to be ready by summer for action in the Great Lakes. Later it will be supplemented by another fleet, construction of which also has started.

Rum's finish is foreseen already by F. T. Merriell, prohibition director for New York and New Jersey.

Already the increased activities of the coast guard has cut down liquor importations by 30 per cent, he said. One prize is already reported. After a five mile chase that involved shooting and bloodshed, a speeding liquor boat was beached at Seneca, N. J. Machine gun bullets disabled the helmsman of a 45 foot craft with two liberty engines of 250 horsepower each. After beaching the craft, the men on board escaped. There were 250 cases of liquor aboard and a pool of blood was noted in the cockpit.

Although government authorities would not discuss operations in the air against the rum fleet, seaplanes were reported co-operating with the coast guard blockade. A dozen or more planes went to sea from the narrows today.

## Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, May 6.—The closing was strong. Utah securities soared nearly 11 points to 120 and General Electric, United States Steel, Iron Pipe, Montana Power and Chicago and Eastern Illinois Preferred all sold at least four points above yesterday's final quotations.

Lead stock prices moved up briskly in today's trading under the leadership of the railroad shares. Oils, motors, public utilities and specialties also were in good demand. Total sales approximated 1,900,000 shares.

## President Sorry, But—

WASHINGTON, May 6.—President Coolidge is sorry Orville Wright has decided to give the first Wright airplane to a British museum, but he feels that on the whole Americans should be more concerned over the latest developments of modern inventions than over the disposition of old models.

## AIR DASH TO POLE READY TO HOP OFF

**Amundsen Planes Tuned Up for Epoch-Making Flight to Earth's Axis—May Reach Pole in Eight Hours—American Aviators to Make Attempt in June.**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 6.—(By Associated Press.) The weather prospects at Spitzbergen are reported excellent for the forthcoming attempt by Captain Roald Amundsen's expedition to reach the North Pole by airplane.

Both the airplanes will be flown northward today, following the two expedition steamers, Fram and Hobb, which yesterday left for the intended hopping off point on Danes Island off the western coast of Norway.

The first plane will be piloted by Rieiser-Larsen, with Amundsen as passenger and the second by Oscar Omdal with Lincoln Ellsworth, an American engineer, as navigator.

The planes have a speed of more than 50 miles an hour, making it possible, the explorers believe, to reach the pole in about eight hours. The distance is about 650 miles.

If possible, Captain Amundsen and his companions will make a landing at the pole and attempt to locate its exact position. If this is not found, the aviators plan to drop a Norwegian flag in the approximate vicinity.

The Oslo dispatch said the planes might have to land several times during the trip and that for this reason, they might not return to Spitzbergen for several days.

The planes will fly 100 meters apart at an altitude of 500 meters, keeping in touch by wireless throughout the trip. Each passing of new latitude will be signalled from one to the other. It is expected they will take from three to four hours to reach the island.

The dash for the pole probably will be started early tomorrow.

## 3 Nations to Compete

NEW YORK, May 6.—Roald Amundsen's impending dash to the North Pole, by airplane tentatively set to start from Spitzbergen, Norway, this afternoon, marks the beginning of the efforts of three nations to conquer by air that portion of the frozen northern wastes which in 400 years of exploration by ship and dog sled has been reached by only one expedition, that of Admiral Peary, 15 years ago.

Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, carrying the flag of Norway, will be followed in June by expeditions headed by Donald B. MacMillan, United States and Grettir Agnarsson, Great Britain, all three taking the air from bases to be established approximately 550 miles by air from the pole.

Amundsen, leaving his two ships, Fram and Hobb, at the northernmost point of Spitzbergen, will attempt the flight in two Dornier what-ers—all metal monoplane flying boats with bottoms shaped like sleds so they can land on ice, snow or water.

The planes, financed with the aid of Lincoln Ellsworth, New York engineer, who will occupy a seat in the second plane, were built at Pisa, Italy, each powered by two Rolls Royce engines so arranged one in back of the other that one can be repaired in flight.

Agarsson's attempt has been termed as daring in the extreme as the MacMillan-United States expedition, conceded to be the most elaborate. In a blimp, the gas bag capacity of the Shenandoah, Agarsson hopes to take off from his ship Liverpool, anchored somewhere west of Spitzbergen. Like Amundsen, he will be content with merely a dash to the pole and a few days exploration.

## Schumann-Heink to Return to Opera to Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, world famous contralto, will celebrate the golden anniversary of her debut as a singer by returning next season to the Metropolitan Opera House, scene of many of her early triumphs. Now 65, she is the oldest star of her magnitude to return to the stage after singing her formal farewell. She is shown as she is today, and (inset), when she was 50.

## VIEW FRANCE AS MAIN TARGET OF LONDON TALK

French Observers, However, Think Hindenburg Election Basis of Peace Address—Sen. Borah Praises Attitude—Admonition Welcomed.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(By Associated Press.) Complete analysis of Mr. Houghton's London address, is awaiting some comment from Paris, where press accounts of the speech were brief and no immediate editorial expression was offered.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger characterizes it as "plainly a shot at France" while other opinion abroad saw in it a generalized pronouncement of conditions on which American assistance should be based.

German comment in diplomatic circles here also regarded France as the speaker's target, while French observers inclined to the view that the ambassador had in mind the election of Von Hindenburg.

The Ambassador's address which was made on his own responsibility, is regarded by President Coolidge as a guide to American opinion on the continent's economic problems. The American helpfulness to which Mr. Houghton referred is clearly understood to mean expansion of private loans to Europe, and in this the president feels that bankers here cannot fail to place their investments where economic conditions are most inviting.

Unofficial spokesmen in Berlin welcomed Mr. Houghton's frank admonition to Europe to seek the paths of peace and expressed the belief that his advice will facilitate negotiations for a security pact.

Italian observers placed themselves in the position of interested spectators attaching no great import to the London address so far as Italy is concerned.

Ambassador Houghton's pronouncement was "timely and wise" in the opinion of Senator Borah of Idaho, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. If it was intended as the announcement of a policy he declared, its importance to Europe and the United States can hardly be overestimated.

## Want Railroad

WASHINGTON, May 6.—A formal application for permission to acquire control of the St. Louis-Southwestern Railroad was filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad.

## Dutch Parliament Votes Down Funds For 1928 Olympics

THE HAGUE, Holland, May 6.—The lower chamber of parliament today rejected a bill guaranteeing one million florins for the 1928 Olympic games at Amsterdam. (The normal value of a florin is about 40 cents).

## BOMB EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT; 6 FIREMEN DEAD

Pittsburg and Atlanta, Ga., Visited By Fire Disasters—Mystery Surrounds Explosion Case—Injury Lists Grow—Police Investigate.

PITTSBURG, May 6.—Firemen, searching the ruins of three Swisvale buildings, destroyed by an explosion shortly after last midnight recovered two additional bodies today, making the total death list eight.

The eight victims of the explosion were members of the same family. Mr. and Mrs. Clement Jeremiah were the parents of Mrs. Carl Kessler and Mrs. Carl Baldus, all of whom were killed together with their husbands and a son of Mrs. Baldus.

Fire Marshal Thomas Piarr said he believed the blast was caused by dynamite or nitroglycerine, bearing out the police theory that the explosion was the work of "black hands."

County detectives were making an effort to locate Thomas Pusateri, owner of a fruit store, in which the explosion occurred. It was said that Pusateri had received threatening letters recently.

PITTSBURG, May 6.—Six bodies had been recovered early today from the ruins of three buildings in Swisvale, a suburb which were wrecked by an explosion shortly after midnight. Two other persons are missing and are believed by police and fire officials to have been burned to death in the fire that followed the explosion.

The body of one man was identified but the others were burned beyond recognition. Several persons were injured and two children taken to hospitals were believed to have been fatally hurt. Several adjoining buildings were damaged.

Fire Marshal Thomas L. Piarr, expressed the opinion that the blast had been caused by a bomb.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 6.—Six firemen were killed and several injured here early today when the upper floor of a building in which they were fighting fire collapsed, the men being buried beneath bales of cotton that had been stored on the second floor.

The building was a two story brick structure used for storing cotton. The firemen were fighting the blaze from the ground floor when the roof and upper floor fell in, sending them down beneath a weight of cotton bales.

Four other firemen, F. F. Wilson, L. M. Smith, E. S. Konkile and C. C. King were dead when their bodies were taken from the ruins.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—Two firemen were injured fighting a fire which broke out early today in the Premier Mattress factory here. Damage was estimated at \$50,000. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

## EUROPE IS ALARMED BY BORAH TALK

League of Nations Meeting Stirred to Action By Idaho Senator's Reference, France and Force—Text of Statement Requested—Article Printed in Newspaper.

GENEVA, May 6.—(By Associated Press.) A statement printed by Geneva newspapers quoting Senator Borah of Idaho as having declared that only force remained to be employed if France fails to take steps to pay her war debts, was one of the chief topics of conversation today among the delegates to the conference for the control of traffic in arms. The statement attributed to Senator Borah caused so much comment that it was understood an effort will be made to determine officially whether the Idaho senator was correctly quoted here.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The statement by Senator Borah which caused a commotion in Geneva, apparently was a translation of some general observations made by the senator in the course of a copyrighted article in the Washington Sunday Star.

After discussing the French debt and commenting generally on "present conditions and tendencies," the senator said:

"If the most solemn and binding obligations are to be disregarded and especially upon matters of mere material interest, there is no alternative in international affairs but force. There will either be a reign of law or a reign of violence. Of course these reflections are not for France alone. I am speaking generally—disregard of treaties is just as prevalent as disregard of law. While France debates the question of meeting her debt obligation the United States debates whether she will live up to her treaty and century of earnest teachings relative to the confiscation of the property of foreigners. Both attitudes are astounding, a doctrine of shame and violence, of repudiation and confiscation, the creed of communists."

Senator Borah said today that this was the only statement he had made on the subject.

GENEVA, May 6.—(By Associated Press.) France made a friendly gesture to Germany at the opening of today's session of the conference on the control of traffic in arms when M. Paul Boncour moved that the steering committee of the conference be enlarged from seven to nine members so that all sections of the world might be represented, particularly non-members of the League of Nations. Germany, chiefly as a result of this motion, now is represented on the committee. Representative Theodore E. Burton, head of the American delegation received the highest number of votes for a place on the committee.

## Liquor Informers to Receive 25 Per Cent On U. S. Fines

NEW YORK, May 6.—Citizens who inform the federal authorities of liquor smuggling activities leading to the conviction of bootleggers under the customs law will receive 25 per cent of the fines imposed and the sale of seized boats, Edward R. Bone, assistant solicitor in chief, collector of the port announced today.

Canoelst Arrives in Rome. ROME, May 6.—George H. C. Smythe, Canadian canoeist, paddling from London to Rome, arrived here this afternoon and was greeted by large and enthusiastic crowds.

## IOWA DRYS SEE SENTIMENT TO MODIFY VOLSTEAD ACT, UNLESS RIGIDLY ENFORCED

DES MOINES, Ia., May 6.—(By Associated Press.) The Iowa Anti-Saloon league in a report today declared either the state and federal liquor laws must be enforced "with almost rigidity" or the people of Iowa "must face possible modification to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer."