

**The Weather**  
 Prediction—Cloudy and probable rain  
 Maximum yesterday—64  
 Minimum today—34.3

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
 Maximum—88  
 Minimum—44

Daily—Twenty-third Year. Weekly—Fifty-third Year. MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1925. NO. 41

## REAL WAR IS EXPECTED BY DRY ADMIRAL

Rear Admiral Billard Sees War to Death With Rum Fleet—Booze Ships Won't Strike Colors Without a Fight—Boatswain Is Shot From Ambush.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Evidence is accumulating at coast guard headquarters here that rum row off New York does not mean to strike its colors without a fight.

Already there have been so many indications of a campaign of revenge, that Rear Admiral Billard, the coast guard commandant, said today that his forces undoubtedly were facing a war to the death.

In the last three weeks a dozen incidents have been reported to coast guard headquarters which would give unmistakable evidence that it is the intention of rum runners and their land conspirators to use bullets on guardsmen wherever they are found.

Some of the guardsmen are threatening to resign because of the hazard faced by their families on shore, when they are absent on duty.

Confidential reports tell of the kidnaping of one man at Atlantic City, the ambushing of a cutter lying off Montauk Point, the receipt of anonymous and threatening letters by headquarters here and by guardsmen at New London, Conn., and Bay Shore and the passing out of word that rum agents must "get" the guardsmen stationed at Narragansett Bay.

Along the Florida coast, too, guns of the rum runners have been brought into play from unexpected quarters while a government patrol appears near shore or travels into one of the thousands of bays and inlets along the gulf coast.

**Put On Death List.**  
 Commander Yeandle, assistant to Admiral Billard, said today that the anonymous letters had conveyed information indicating that certain officers and men of the coast guard are on a "death list" of the rum runners and that other especially efficient guardsmen are to be incapacitated.

Boatswain Pearson of the Atlantic City station was kidnaped May 3, while on his way to join a patrol boat at the station. He was bound and gagged, but later released on the outskirts of the city when the kidnapers found they had mistaken him for another. The man believed to be wanted by the rum runners, had been ordered by the commandant to take extraordinary precautions.

**Boatswain Is Killed.**  
 Boatswain Gustafson was another victim of the rum war. He was shot and killed from ambush two weeks ago off Block Island, New London. Thralls previously had been made against his life. Officials here believe the patrol of which he was in charge was decoyed by a rum runner on the fatal trip and led past another rum runner which opened up a salvo of machine gunfire from ambush.

Two others of the crew received serious wounds. Several cases have been reported to headquarters in which officers or men returned to their homes to find that mysterious visitors had terrorized their families. This is said by Mr. Yeandle to be particularly true around New York.

**Use Carrier Pigeons.**  
 The ships in rum row off New York have turned to the use of carrier pigeons to convey messages to their shore agents. Three such messages have fallen into the hands of coast guard patrols and on one of the three occasions the information gained resulted in seizure of a shore craft laden with liquor.

Admiral Billard reiterated today his determination to establish a blockade as nearly smuggling-proof as facilities permit. The situation has grown so serious, however, that more men and more boats are needed and congress will be asked at its next session to provide them.

## Barbecue to Open Crescent City Road To Traffic Sunday

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 8.—The formal opening of the first section of the new highway up Smith river, a section of the Crescent City-Grants Pass route, will be celebrated with a barbecue at Patrick's creek on Sunday. Hundreds of citizens from all parts of Del Norte county and from Grants Pass and other points in Oregon are expected to participate.

## ROCK ISLAND IS FOR A MERGER WITH THE S. P.

President of C. R. I. and P. Urges Consolidation With Southern Pacific—President Sproule Denies S. P. in Favor of Such Action.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Consolidation of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railway and the Southern Pacific was discussed as a possibility late yesterday by J. E. Gorman, president of the Rock Island, in a talk before the annual meeting of shareholders here.

"There has been much talk of such a consolidation," he said, "and the managements of both systems have contended for some time that it would be logical. Should the merger come, the Rock Island would be a great beneficiary. I have tried for some time to effect a stronger operating arrangement with the Southern Pacific and I have hopes that after June 1 when the jurisdiction of such matters on that line is changed, it may be done.

"At the present time we are giving all our Pacific coast business to the Southern Pacific because it is logical, due to the long haul we get thereby. In return we get only the perishable freight requiring fast service. Of other heavier merchandise we get little, because the Southern Pacific can get a longer haul for itself by handling it through other connections.

"As to business on the Rock Island it is neither bad nor good at the present time. Grain movement has fallen sharply due to the heavy movement last fall and winter to take advantage of high prices. The outlook is good, although entirely dependent upon the crop situation."

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.**—William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad company last night said he knew nothing about the possibility of a merger between the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad with the Southern Pacific system.

## AIRPLANE LOST IN ALASKA STORM

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—An airplane carrying three persons, which Wednesday made the farthest north flight recorded, was today lost between Rampart, 80 miles northwest of Fairbanks, and Brooks, 50 miles east of Rampart. A storm was raging when the plane came to grief on its way back here.

Noel Wein, pilot, who carried two passengers 40 miles beyond the Arctic circle, returned Wednesday to Wiseman, 140 miles north of Rampart, and left Wiseman yesterday for Fairbanks, his original point of departure.

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## JAPAN FOR U. S. BAN ON POISON GAS

Nippon Delegate at Geneva Conference Pledges Support to Burton Proposal—Rights of Small States May Prove Obstacle—Exportation of Arms Discussed.

GENEVA, May 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan went on record today as favoring a strict interdiction of the use of poison gas in war. D. Matsuda, Japanese delegate to the League of Nations international conference for the control of traffic in arms and munitions, made this declaration in a speech ardently supporting the proposal made yesterday by Representative Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, head of the American delegation, that all export of poison gas for use in war be prohibited.

The American proposal was referred to two sub-committees, military and juridical. The Polish amendment condemning the use of disease bacteria in warfare, was referred to the same committees.

Mr. Matsuda said that Japan already is a party to the poison agreement made during the Washington arms conference and declared that in prohibiting the exportation of poison gas for war purposes, it also should be understood that such methods of warfare are forbidden by international law. He urged the legal committee to take up this aspect of the problem thoroughly.

The Turkish delegation heartily supported the American proposal, but agreed with the Hungarian delegation that the rights of states that do not manufacture gas to employ gas if they are so attacked should be respected and their opportunity for defense should not be removed by too rigid a ban on exportation.

The San Salvador delegation offered an amendment providing that arms may be exported to any government "that has been duly constituted in accordance with the provisions of the constitution in force in that country."

This, it was said, is intended to prevent civil strife by restricting the facilities for securing war supplies. The Chinese and Rumanian delegates opposed the amendment. The Chinese said it afforded an opportunity for discrimination because if any manufacturing country did not like a new government in any country, it could argue that it was unconstitutional and organized. The Chinese said this would be dangerous to international relations.

The Rumanians declared that the league covenant recognized the right of all countries to procure means of defense.

## EXPLODE CONVICT'S TALE OF ROBBERY

CHICAGO, May 8.—Mike Nary's story that he once had been involved in a robbery of the Denver mint was investigated by the police today after he had been arrested while occupying a \$25 a day suite in a hotel where he posed as Frankie Genaro, boxer. Nary, alias Nason, was taken to the bureau of identification, where the police found that he had served a sentence in the San Quentin prison in California and had been paroled in 1923.

Nary told the police there were three other men and two women connected with the mint robbery. The police later said the Denver robbery occurred in 1922 and that they believe Nary was in San Quentin prison serving a sentence for robbery at that time. When detectives confronted Nary with the statement that he was in prison at the time of the mint robbery he replied, "well, I was in some kind of a robbery."

## Actress' Collection of Jewels Finest Owned by French Woman



An actress, Mlle. Regime Flory, now has the costliest collection of jewels of any woman in France, it is said. She is shown wearing the prize item of her collection, a tiara that once belonged to the Talleyrand family. The Flory collection of gems was recently insured for 2,000,000 francs, the limit.

## MRS. SHEPHERD PUTS UP BAIL AND OPINES JUDGE OLSEN IS A LUNATIC

CHICAGO, May 8.—(By Associated Press.) Mrs. Julie Graf Shepherd, charged with aiding her husband, William D. Shepherd, to kill their ward, William Nelson McClintock, orphan millionaire and his mother, Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, has been released on \$5000 bond pending grand jury action.

Although she had been given until today to furnish bond and had been released on her own word, late yesterday she appeared before Judge Jacob Hopkins, criminal court chief justice while Mrs. Claudine M. Peterson, a friend scheduled \$15,000 in real estate for bonds.

Her only expression during the brief court procedure was a reference to Judge Harry Olson, instigator of the coroner's inquest into the deaths which resulted in the grand jury indictment of Shepherd and recommendations that Mrs. Shepherd be held.

"I'm coming to believe the man's mind is gone," she said. "He has an obsession."

## BOOTLEGGERS TO BE EXHIBITED IN A CITY PARADE

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 8.—Charging inefficiency in the handling of liquor cases by the courts, Chief of Police James Cavender today announced plans for what he termed a "weekly parade of bootleggers."

The announcement followed the parade through the streets of a wrecked automobile containing a police officer disguised to represent "death," and holding aloft a bottle labeled "bootch." Police claim the driver of the motor car was intoxicated at the time of the accident.

## Rich Texan Held for Trying to Shoot a Lady Who Slaps Him

NEW YORK, May 8.—Walter Binyon, described by the police as a wealthy oil promoter of Fort Worth, Texas, was arraigned in police court today and held in \$5000 a bail for grand jury action on a charge of attempting to kill Miss Edythe Sterling, a vaudeville actress, in the Hollywood hotel. He also was held in \$1000 a bail for trial in special sessions for possessing the Sullivan law violation of the Sullivan law.

Miss Sterling, who won notice last year when she rode a horse from Pine Ridge, S. D. to this city, said her life was saved by the fact that the safety catch of Binyon's revolver was set and the gun failed to fire. She said she attempt to kill her was made on the front steps of the hotel as she was leaving today. She asserted that when Binyon made an insulting remark to her she struck him across the face with a silver mesh bag.

## LAWYERS PLAN CHANGES STATE COURT TACTICS

Judicial Council Meets to Consider Simplifying Rules—Have Judges Question Jurymen Instead of Counsel—Uniform Rules for Trials Is Urged.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—Lawyers and jurists from all parts of the state assembled here today to discuss with the judicial council, named as the result of action by the last legislature, various suggested changes in court procedure.

Local courts were closed and general legal business was set aside today. The session will end with a public address by Dean John H. Wigmore, of the Northwestern university law school tonight.

Early developments indicated that the chief discussion would center about the proposal to adopt, for state courts, the practice, now used in federal courts of having the judge, instead of the attorneys, question prospective members of the jury.

The discussion was expected to cover several other important points including: Formulation of uniform rules for all the seventeen circuit courts of the state.

Whether appeals to the supreme court should be prefaced by concise statements showing the reason and justification for the appeal.

Whether stipulations for additional time for hearing cases on appeal should be limited to thirty days, should be affirmed without lengthy discussion on the part of supreme justices in cases where previous decisions cover the same points.

The session opened by presentation of a portrait of the late Judge Henry E. McGinn, given by Mrs. McGinn and was presented by D. Solis Cohen to the Multnomah Bar association. J. P. Kavanaugh made the speech of acceptance and Albert B. Ridgway, president of the association, presided during the ceremony. The portrait was painted by Sidney Bell.

## HELLO-GIRLS ESCAPE FIRE IN SAFETY

15,000 Portland Telephones Out of Commission—Cable Ignites, Causing \$100,000 Damage—Two Firemen Hurt—Blaze Occurs, Noon.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—Fire which swept the main telephone exchange of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company at noon today put 15,000 telephones out of commission and caused damage exceeding \$100,000. One hundred telephone girls by rapid and orderly exit escaped the hasty sweep of flames, which originated in the basements from a burned cable. Two firemen were slightly injured. Company officials said the equipment of the building was worth \$600,000, and they could not say definitely the amount of the loss until a check was made. Fire department officers said the damage would exceed \$100,000.

One fireman slipped and fell down and when brought up was nearly overcome by smoke. Another was cut on the cheek.

In spite of the dense smoke firemen went down as far as possible into the basement and poured in water.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—One hundred telephone operators at the main exchange, Park and Alder streets, vacated the building in orderly haste when a burned cable put the whole building in flames shortly before noon today. The first warning the girls had was when great volumes of smoke poured from the basement, followed closely by flames.

The chief operator was one of the first to see the smoke and she rang the emergency fire alarm.

The fire apparently started in the basement and by the time the first fire apparatus arrived the flames were leaping from the basement and first story windows, with the smoke pouring from the roof.

All main telephone numbers were put out of service immediately.

The janitor of the building said that all the girls were out of it before the fire department appeared on the scene.

## Passing of the Early Pioneer

EUGENE, Ore., May 8.—Hon. Robert M. Veatch, "Uncle Bob," died at the home of his son, H. H. Veatch, at Cottage Grove yesterday, at the age of 81 years. He was born in Illinois and crossed the plains to California in 1864, coming to Lane county in 1865.

He attended public schools at Creswell, later attending Willamette university and the Oregon Agricultural college. He was admitted to the bar, but was never a practicing attorney. He was a staunch democrat and was elected to the lower house of the Oregon state legislature in 1882 and was re-elected in 1884. In 1886 he was sent to the senate and was re-elected in 1890. He was appointed the first registrar of the Roseburg land office and under President Cleveland's second administration.

## BASEBALL SCORES

National.	R.	H.	E.
At Brooklyn—	2	7	0
Cincinnati.....	2	7	0
Brooklyn.....	2	7	0
Rixey and Wingo; Ehrhardt and Taylor.			
At New York—	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis.....	2	7	0
New York.....	5	9	2
Dickerman and Gonzales; Scott and Snyder.			
At Philadelphia—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh.....	7	12	4
Philadelphia.....	15	17	1
Meadows, Kramer, Songer, Koupal and Smith, Gooch; Carlson and Henline.			
At Chicago—	R.	H.	E.
Chicago.....	3	13	1
Chicago.....	4	7	0
Batteries: Zachary, Morrige and Ruel; Thurston, Lyons and Schalk.			
At Cleveland—	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia.....	5	9	2
Cleveland.....	3	7	4
Gray and Cochran; Uhle and Myatt.			
At St. Louis—	R.	H.	E.
New York.....	13	15	0
St. Louis.....	0	5	5
Shocker and Schang; Hush, Vangilder and Dixon.			

## Chilly in Eugene.

EUGENE, Ore., May 8.—Eugeneans shivered last night when the weather man had a change of heart and the mercury dropped to 36 degrees. The minimum of nights previous had been around the 46 degree mark.

The rain of the past two days had ended today and the sun came out to chase away the chills. The rainfall during the brief stormy spell was very light.

## Winter Wheat Forecast

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A forecast of 44,827,000 bushels of winter wheat as this year's crop was made today by the department of agriculture. A month ago 47,255,000 bushels were forecast.

## U. S. BULLETIN SAYS CAT CROP BANNER HORSE FEED OF THE WORLD

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The department of agriculture has prepared a printed bulletin saying: "The cat crop ranks third in importance. Cats traditionally constitute the banner horse feed of the world and three per cent is used for human consumption. The cat crop is subject to several diseases chief of which are leucis and covered smuts, stem rust and crown rust."

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## The "Daily" Bank Robbery

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—Safe burglars who early today broke into the Second and Flanders street branch of the Portland Gas & Coke company, escaped with nearly \$800 in cash taken from the strong box.

In their haste the burglars dropped and left nearly \$150 in nickels, dimes and quarters in rolls. The janitor going to work found a side window forced open, the safe wrecked and the money gone.

## Jokey Killed.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 8.—Frank Lux, Columbus jockey, was instantly killed this afternoon in the first race at Beulah park, when his mount, Mazy Rock, stumbled and fell on him.