

The Weather

Prediction.....Partly cloudy
Maximum yesterday.....69.3
Minimum today.....47

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1925

Weather Year Ago

Maximum.....90
Minimum.....47

NO. 42

SCORES DIE WHEN SHIP TURNS OVER

Holiday Party On U. S. Govt.
Boat Turned to Tragedy
When Ship Sinks in Muddy
Waters of the Mississippi—
Giant Negro Is Chief Hero
—Rescues 30.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 9.—Caught in the swirling, muddy current of the Mississippi as she attempted to stagger ashore, the United States government ship M. E. Norman, newest of the engineering corps fleet here today lies in 35 feet of water just below Cahoon Landing, Mississippi.

With her in a watery grave lie more than a score of a gay excursion party that yesterday went for an outing on the broad expanses of the big muddy. Among the men, women and children who were catapulted into the stream and remained there were some of the best known men in the engineering profession of the south. The trip had been taken as a side issue to the first annual convention of the Mid-South Association of Engineers, just formed here.

From out of the swamps of Arkansas came the hero of the occasion—a big black negro man—Tom Lee. On his broad shoulders and the motor boat of his employers at Helena, Ark., fell the burden of life saving.

Lee, a slow, methodical man, went about his work as methodically as any of the silent, methodical men who made up the bulk of the party. He loaded his boat with victims of the disaster, he took them ashore. He went back and got another load.

Negro Rescues 30 People.
When the final count was taken he had rescued 30 of the 60 or more persons on board the steamer, including Captain Howard T. Fenton, grizzled veteran of the river, who had commanded the ill-fated vessel.

Today the search for the dead and possible living continues. Up the banks of the stream from Bruins, the Chisca and the Monitor are scouring the banks looking for bodies and possibly living. The government is planning to send down divers in an effort to penetrate the sunken cabin in the hope of recovering some of the bodies. It also was planned, if necessary, to bore a hole in the steel hull of the boat.

Soon after the captain had ordered the passengers scattered, said R. O. Schaefer, southern contractor, Major D. H. Gillette, United States engineer, reported trouble with the steering wheel and said the engineer wanted to turn ashore to fix it.

While Captain Fenton was casting about for a safe landing place, said Mr. Schaefer, "the boat careened. Just before somebody yelled 'she's going over,' and the boat slowly began to turn on its side. People on the upper deck started climbing over the turning side and about a minute later the Norman was resting bottom side up."

Cause Not Known.

Dramatic stories were told of the staggering of the steamer just before she went down. She listed heavily from what cause it has not been determined, and Captain Fenton ordered the passengers scattered, thinking too many were on one side of the boat. Sitting in the cabin was a group of Memphis engineers bent on organizing a local chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"Trim the ship," came the order. There was no excitement. The engineers as a man rose and left the cabin. Hardly had they reached the deck before the ship wildly careened to the starboard. She refused to answer her helm. Three minutes later she was a hulk lying upside down in the stream, her passengers and crew struggling in the swift water.

Clarence Miller, 20, flittered through the south as a swimmer, leaped into the stream and swam ashore. Exhausted he lay panting on the bank. Mrs. Charles E. Shearer was struggling in the water with her 4-year-old son. Miller leaped in again. Breasting the heavy current, he reached the woman, tied a life preserver about her

Lipman Wolfe Store Is Sold for \$1,700,000 \$450,000 Good Will

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—Ownership of the department store of Lipman Wolfe and company, established in Portland in 1880, will pass May 27 to the National Department Stores, Inc.

The purchase price is reported to have been in excess of \$1,700,000, of which \$450,000 represents good will.

7 BABIES AWAIT CLAIMANTS, 22 DIED IN YEAR

NEW YORK, May 9.—Seven babies await claimants in Bellevue hospital where they were taken after an investigation of the activities of Mrs. Helen Geisen-Volk, former Red Cross nurse in the German army, at whose institution 22 babies have died within a year.

The twenty-second victim is in a morgue awaiting an autopsy to confirm an unofficial verdict of acute malnutrition.

Distracted mothers besieged the institution yesterday and one tried to attack Mrs. Geisen-Volk.

The complaint of William Angerer that Mrs. Geisen-Volk returned to him a child other than his own resulted in the investigation. Angerer says he can not find his own child.

Mrs. Geisen-Volk's license, called only for seven children in the house.

TY COBB LEADING AMERICAN LEAGUE, J. FOURNIER NAT'L

CHICAGO, May 9.—(By the Associated Press)—As the clubs of the National league swing into the sixth week of the pennant race, Jack Fournier, first baseman with Brooklyn today is leading the pack for batting honors with the remarkable average of .500, with Rogers Hornsby today lag leading the pack for champion, snapping at his heels with .445.

Fournier, together with the Cardinal star, mowed down enough hits to remove Zack Wheat, the Brooklyn veteran, from the batting leadership which he held a week ago. Wheat dropped into sixth place with .397, with Louis Fosseca, now of the Phillies, third, with .408, Jimmy Bottmeyer, of St. Louis fourth with .405 and Johnny Moran of the Phillies, fifth.

The figures are based on figures including Wednesday's games.

"Gabby" Hartnett, peppery catcher with the Cubs, continues to set the pace for home run hitters, leading with eight.

Ty Cobb, veteran pilot of the Detroit Tigers and holder of more records than any player who ever donned a major league uniform, is leading the American league batters with an average of .526. In his remarkable hitting spree, Cobb crashed out five home runs in two consecutive days. He chalked up consecutive hits the first day and then bagged three more the next.

Earl Combs of the Yanks, in his last six games, made four hits, boosting his mark from .387 to .467 for second place honors. Sammy Hale of the Athletics who topped the list a week ago, dropped to third place with .437, with George Sizer of St. Louis perched on the fourth rung with .434, his mark a week ago.

Referring to an allegation by Dr. Schmidt, professor of theology at the University of Glessen, that German soldiers became intoxicated on looted alcohol, one of the speakers at the numerous meetings held throughout the city in the past week, declared that General Ludendorff, when confronted with the statement, exclaimed:

"I can't contradict it."

BOLD DAYLIGHT ROBBERY NETS \$5,000 PAYROLL

W. E. Gibson, Manager of Portland Labor Temple, Is Held Up and Robbed While Crowd Looks On—Escape Made in Automobile.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—Will E. Gibson, manager of the Labor Temple, was held up and robbed of \$5000 in cash by two men shortly after noon today. The robbers escaped in a machine which they had left at the curb near the Labor Temple with the engine running.

The gunmen waited in the foyer just inside the Fourth street entrance to the temple. When Gibson started out of his office with a satchel containing the money one of the men slid alongside of him, shoved a small automatic pistol into his ribs and demanded the satchel.

There were half a dozen men standing within a few feet of Gibson and the robber. They all stood still as if paralyzed.

The second robber was standing at the bottom of the dozen steps which lead to the building entrance.

The first gunman seized the satchel and the pair dashed out of the building and into the waiting machine. They disappeared north on Fourth street.

Gibson had drawn the money from the Brotherhood bank about 11:30 as he does every Saturday. The money is used to cash pay checks of union members on Saturday afternoons.

DE MOLAY MEET CLOSES TONIGHT, BOYS GRATEFUL

The many delegates and other members here from various parts of the state attending the annual state convocation of the De Molay order, which began yesterday forenoon, resumed the convocation program today with forenoon and afternoon sessions, following the two sessions here yesterday, and a very enjoyable barbecue in the Ashland park last evening and a night session in that city, where degrees were conferred by the Medford and Ashland chapters on 19 candidates.

The De Molay boys have been having the time of their lives at this convention and are full of gratitude and good feeling for the people of Medford and Ashland because of the fine entertainment that has been provided them. In this city in addition to their lodging and breakfasts being provided in local homes, they have enjoyed auto rides through the city, around the city and valley, individually and in groups, besides Medford people furnishing the autos to transport the entire convocation assemblage over to Ashland late yesterday afternoon.

The Hunt's theater management also gave free admission yesterday to the De Molays to the theaters, and the convention members were guests of honor yesterday afternoon at the Medford-Grants Pass high school baseball game.

The final business meeting was held this afternoon, at which time the choosing of the city for the next annual convocation was expected to be made, after which the De Molays were guests at a banquet served by the Medford chapter at the Elks temple, and tonight the De Molays will again be guests of the Medford chapter at a ball in the Oriental Gardens, the music for which will be furnished by the Blue Boys' orchestra of the De Molay chapter of Salem.

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Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, May 9.—The usual week end re-adjustment of speculative accounts brought about some irregularity in today's brief session of the market, but the main trend was upward. Mack Truck, Packard and Continental Motors sold at new high prices for the year. Southern railway fell back more than two points. The closing was irregular. Total sales approximated \$90,000 shares.

The Noted Dead

SOUTHAMPTON, England, May 9.—(By Associated Press)—The Hon. Francis John Lascelles, half brother of the Earl of Harewood, was found dead at his home at Rome today with a gun beside his body. The Earl of Harewood is the father-in-law of Princess Mary.

Texas' Latest Beauty Queen



Texas produces beauties as well as women governors. It chose Estelle Storms as queen of the sylvan flowers at the annual carnival in San Antonio, Texas.

OAHU DEFENSES INADEQUATE IS OFFICIAL VIEW

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(By the Associated Press)—War and navy department officials are satisfied that the gigantic war game just concluded at Hawaii served as a dramatic illustration of deficiencies in the defenses of the island of Oahu, which have been repeatedly called to the attention of congress in the last few years. In advance of receipt of the final report of the maneuvers, those officials do not believe that any new defect will prove to have been disclosed, but are confident that the sham battle will enable presentation of the Hawaiian defense problem on a basis of established facts instead of theories.

That the combined naval and military forces now maintained at Hawaii cannot insure the security of Pearl Harbor naval base against a strong surprise attack is expected to be shown in the report by Admiral Conant and Major-General Hines, chief umpires.

The actual problem of the maneuvers was to test the sufficiency of personnel and equipment of the peace-time garrison of Oahu island.

Defects which it is believed the report will point out in the navy garrison are: First, that 13,000 men in the regular army garrison and forming the mobile defense is too small a force by from 5000 to 7000 men.

Second, that failure to provide adequate means for interior communications of Oahu, which includes all elements of modern communications, would have rendered doubtful the success of even a large garrison in defending the island against the landing operations.

Third, that the present strength of the army air service detachments assigned to the Hawaiian islands is not sufficient.

Fourth, that the present equipment of the garrison air service, particularly in long range scouting planes, is wholly inadequate to afford the defending force necessary information of an approaching enemy in time to repel a landing.

On the naval side it is predicted that there will be again disclosed vital weaknesses in the composition of the fleet, among them:

First, lack of modern post treaty type 10,000-ton light cruisers.

Second, lack of sea-keeping fleet submarines.

Third, lack of large high speed airplane carriers and of adequate numbers of modern aircraft with the fleet itself.

In addition, it is explained that naval weaknesses will be disclosed in the report from Rear Admiral Macdonald, who was associated with Major-General Lewis in the joint defense of Oahu. From that aspect it appears probable to officers here that lack of mine-planting submarines as a part of the regular naval contingent assigned to the Hawaiian islands will be emphasized. It is felt also that the peace-time naval forces at the island should include modern light cruisers and naval aircraft with the surface auxiliaries necessary for long range air operations.

Incidental to the presence of the United States fleet in Hawaiian waters, but not arising out of the joint maneuvers, there have already arisen wide discussions of the inadequacy of the Pearl Harbor naval base to serve the fleet, such being the fundamental reason for establishing any defense whatever of the islands.

Other discussion has to do with keeping the channels deep and straight enough to permit entry by the heaviest battleships on any tide; widening the harbor of an area sufficient to permit the mooring of the entire fleet, and erection of additional drydock facilities.

J. O. Grey returned last night from Eliza Mills, Calif., where he has spent the past several days transacting business.

BIG SHAKE-UP IN UNIVERSITY IS ANNOUNCED

Radical Changes Made in State University By Board of Regents at Secret Meeting May 2—Rogue Valley Men Dropped.

EUGENE, Ore., May 9.—After secrecy which had been maintained for a week news of the important business transacted at the meeting of the University of Oregon board of regents here Saturday, May 2, was revealed here last night.

Among the moves made by the regents are:

New heads of departments authorized for English and romance languages.

Department of drama and speech arts consolidated with English, and Fergus Reddie automatically dropped as a result. (Fergus Reddie is a former resident of Rogue River.)

Dean Colin V. Dymont, head of the college of literature, science and art, granted a year's leave of absence.

In the department of romance languages, similar action was taken. Timothy Cloran for many years the department head will remain as an instructor in the department, probably devoting his time to the instruction in French. New department heads to succeed these two will be appointed in the near future. It is said.

Kirby Miller, graduate of the university and a post-graduate student at Oxford, having won the Rhodes Scholarship a few years ago was not re-elected as an instructor in the department of philosophy. He was serving under a one-year tenure of office. (Kirby Miller, a former resident of Medford, is well known here.)

Dr. Harry B. Torrey, chairman of the department of medicine and professor of zoology who received a year's leave of absence, will not return at the end of the year, because of other plans held by Dr. Torrey. It was said.

The office of lecturer in the extension department, which was held by E. F. Carleton, was abolished.

Colin V. Dymont, dean of the college of literature, science and art, received a year's leave of absence. He and Mrs. Dymont, who has been connected with the university in the department of physical education for women, will tour Europe. Dean Dymont has been in poor health for the past few years.

It was stated in the report that E. S. Bates, member of the philosophy staff, now on leave in Europe, had submitted his resignation and that the resignation had been accepted. Friends of Mr. Bates today questioned the submission of a resignation.

Members of the board of regents who could be reached said that the moves were made entirely in the interest of economy, to avoid the deficit of \$60,000 annually, faced by the university.

Timothy Cloran, head of the language department and Herbert Crombie Howe, head of English, retained as professors in their respective departments.

Dr. Harry B. Torrey, chairman of the department of medicine, not expected to return after a year's leave of absence.

The consolidation of the department of drama and speech arts with the department of English and the dropping of Fergus Reddie, head of the former department for several years, was recommended by a committee consisting of C. C. Colt and Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, both of Portland. Sam Tozer, secretary of state and ex-officio member of the board; Fred Plisk, of Eugene and Judge J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg, appointed at the January session to investigate the situation at the university with the aim of consolidation of some departments and the abolition of some work in order that a deficit of \$60,000 annually might be avoided.

A new head of the department of English literature which will now take in the department of drama and speech arts was authorized and as a result Herbert Crombie Howe, for many years its head and also the representative of the university in the Pacific coast and northwest conference governing bodies, was reduced to a position as professor. His salary, under the action, would be cut \$500 a year.

Registration of out of the state cars fell down a little yesterday, as only 34 such cars were registered at the local state traffic bureau in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

NEW YORK, May 9.—Three robbers held up the jewelry store of J. Ross, in Grand street today and escaped with \$90,000 worth of jewelry after handcuffing and binding four employees. The neighborhood was crowded with Jewish Sabbath crowds and police reserves had to be called to restore order.

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Two Medford Pupils Win State Prizes In Dental Contest

SALEM, Ore., May 9.—Dorothy Slead, a sixth grade pupil of Medford, and Clyde Plisk, an eighth grade pupil of Medford, were state winners for first-class districts in the fourth annual state wide dental essay contest. J. A. Churchill, state school superintendent, announced today. Each of these win prizes of \$25.

FAVOR DEPRIVING THE LEGISLATURE OF COURT POWER

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—The judicial council on revision of court procedure closed its session with the Oregon and Multnomah Bar associations yesterday without doing anything definite about the chief proposal to adopt for the state courts the federal court system of having the judge examine prospective jurors.

The matter is expected to come up again when the council meets again in August. The council, on recommendation of the Oregon association adopted three proposals:

1.—That the power to establish rules for the courts be taken away from the legislature and given to the supreme court.

2.—That until this is done, discussion be limited to means of putting three reforms under the existing rules.

3.—That all practicing attorneys be required to be members of the Oregon Bar association.

The meeting favored putting a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November, 1926, to effect the first proposal.

HISTORIC MANSON HOUSE, CHAMPOEG, IS BURNED DOWN

SALEM, Ore., May 9.—A historic landmark of Marion county went up in flames when the old Manson house at Champeog was destroyed Thursday by an accidental fire.

The Manson house, according to Albert Tozier, caretaker at Champeog, was built some time prior to the flood of 1861, while Judge P. H. D'Arcy of Salem, an authority on Champeog history, believes it was built between 1845 and 1850. It was the residence of Francois Manson, a French Canadian and an employee of the Hudson's Bay company.

The Manson house did not stand on the original Champeog site, but was on ground that was occupied by the newer Champeog after a part of the old town had been destroyed by the Willamette river deluge of '61.

Of late years the historic building has been the property of Henry Zorn, a farmer. Thursday of this week while Zorn's men were burning apple trees and orchard rubbish, some of the sparks reached the roof of the old building and soon the house was aflame. The flames were seen for a mile and neighbors ran to the spot, but were unable to save the building.

Wife Manufactures Moonshine to Keep Hubby Home Nights

BOSTON, May 9.—(By the Associated Press)—When the police liquor squad found a twenty-five gallon still in a south Boston residence today a woman who was operating the plant explained she was manufacturing liquor in order to keep her husband at home nights.

"I know his capacity," she said when the officers expressed surprise at the size of the still.

WOMAN SHOTS AT BOX PARTY IN VIENNA THEATRE, 1 KILLED 2 WOUNDED

VIENNA, May 9.—(By Associated Press)—One person was killed and two were wounded when a woman named Cecilia Carnicin, witnessing a performance of Ibsen's "Peer Gyn" at the National theater last night fired five revolver shots at members of a box party.

ARCHIE ASH NEAR DEATH IN SEATTLE

Well Known Medford Man Suffers Fractured Skull When Run Down By Truck in Seattle Today—Condition Is Critical—Just Concluded Cold Storage Deal.

SEATTLE, May 9.—Archie S. Ash, 30 years old, a businessman of Medford, Ore., was knocked down by a truck here today. His skull was fractured and physicians pronounced his condition critical. The driver of the truck, N. Haysahl, was arrested.

The accident that befell Mr. Ash comes as a shock to scores of Medford friends. He left this city a week ago to complete final details of the building of a cold storage plant in this city, upon which he has been working for the last six months, and according to a wire from him last night final details had just been completed.

A telegram received by Guy W. Conner this morning telling of the accident stated that the crisis in the injury would not come for a couple of days.

Mr. Ash was quite deaf, and it is presumed that this was a contributing factor in the accident.

Mr. Ash has been a resident of the Pacific coast 17-40 years, and was widely known in San Diego, Calif., to Vancouver, B. C. At one time he was in business in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, San Francisco and other coast cities. His present home is in San Francisco where his wife and daughter reside.

According to a telegram from Seattle received by friends in Medford at 2 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Ash is in charge of Dr. George Swift, well known Seattle brain specialist who declares that the injury is not alarming, the only fears of recovery being based upon the patient's age.

PORTLAND FIRE LOSS PLACED AT \$300,000

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—Repair crews worked in relays last night and today to restore telephone service in the district served by the Maine and Atwater exchanges, which were put out of commission by fire yesterday. Emergency numbers were in use by business houses served by the Main exchange. Repair crews, with material, arrived from Seattle and others were expected today from San Francisco.

District Commercial Superintendent C. E. Hickman expects the bulk of the service to be restored early next week. Officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company today estimated the loss from the fire between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

23 R. R. ENGINEERS ARRIVE IN BEND

BEND, Ore., May 9.—A crew of 23 Oregon Trunk railroad engineers and surveyors arrived in Bend this morning from the north and left by stage for Klamath Falls and intermediate points according to A. B. Esteban of French's Service station who is transporting the men and supplies to the scene of the proposed line between Bend and Klamath Falls.

The Oregon Trunk line already has its right of way cleared to Crescent and grading has been carried on also by the Oregon Trunk for a short distance south of Bend so it is considered likely that the first work to be done will be quite a distance south of here.

All persons in the box were Macedonians, police said and attributed the shooting to a political feud. The man killed was described as Arvan Puzar, a member of the Macedonian Police party.

Police said the woman represented Macedonian autonomists under Moscow's direction.

FAILURE OF GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN 1918 DUE TO LIQUOR IS CLAIM

KOENIGSBURG, Germany, May 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Did the big German offensive on the western front in 1918 fail because the German armies ran amuck among the huge stores of wines and liquors left behind by the allies.

This question was raised by one of the speakers in the Koenigsburg local option week which closes Sunday and initiates a nation-wide drive to make Germany dry.