

The Weather
 Prediction Fair
 Maximum yesterday 80.4
 Minimum today 45

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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NO WORD OF NORTH POLE AIR PLANES

World Waits in Vain for News of Amundsen Expedition—Authorities Declare No Immediate Cause for Alarm—Movement Started to Finance Relief Expedition.

NEW YORK, May 25.—(A. P.)—Up to 2:15 o'clock this afternoon the North American Newspaper alliance had received no word from the Amundsen-Ellsworth seaplanes since their departure Thursday afternoon from King's Bay, Spitzbergen, for a flight to the north pole. This was announced at that hour through the Associated Press, by Loring Pickering, general manager of the alliance.

LONDON, May 25.—(A. P.)—Not since the world waited for months in 1912 for news from the ill-fated expedition of Robert F. Scott, the British explorer, to the south pole has the fate of any polar explorer excited so much speculation and interest in England as has that of Amundsen, now overdue at Spitzbergen.

Throughout continental Europe also Amundsen's plight is the one absorbing topic of interest and anxiety. Newspapers give the greatest prominence to dispatches from Spitzbergen as well as to the speculations of other explorers and of Arctic experts as to what might have happened after the party hopped off for the north pole.

Reports from the United States that the United States navy dirigible airships Shenandoah or Los Angeles might be pressed into service to search for the explorers have aroused the keenest interest.

So far, it is the general opinion there is no immediate cause for anxiety. Many Norwegian, other Scandinavian and English authorities say it is probable that the party reached the pole and that Amundsen now is awaiting favorable weather conditions before attempting to return.

Sir John Scott Keltie, for many years secretary of the Royal Geographical society and recognized as an authority on matters relating to the Arctic told the Associated Press today that Amundsen had the greatest confidence that there is land in the vicinity of the north pole. Sir John said he believed that if Amundsen has found this land he undoubtedly has descended to make a thorough investigation.

San Diego, Cal., May 25.—Hans Nansen of the First National bank of San Diego, a nephew of the noted explorer, Fridtjof Nansen, announced here today that he was raising funds to finance an expedition for the relief of Amundsen and was certain his plans would be a success.

OSLO, Norway, May 25.—(A. P.)—A dispatch from Spitzbergen to the Shipping Gazette says no news has been received regarding the Amundsen polar flight expedition up to two o'clock this morning.

The dispatch reads: "As late as 2 a. m., today there was no news of Amundsen. The Hobby (one of the expedition's steamers) has returned to Wellman Bay, having patrolled north and east of Lars's island. She found ice conditions difficult."

The dispatch added that "among members of the expedition a certain amount of depression prevailed because of Amundsen's non-appearance. If their flying boats were damaged the members of the expedition would be in a very bad way."

U. S. Sea Operations Against Rum Fleet To Start On Coast

EL PASO, Texas, May 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sea operations against rum running and other forms of smuggling will be extended to the Pacific coast and carried on with intensity equal to that on the Atlantic. Lincoln C. Andrews, chief of the prohibition enforcement department, announced here today.

Mr. Andrews announced his aim is to equip a coast guard vessel to dog the movements of every rum runner ship.

SCHOOL TEACHER IS INDICTED IN EVOLUTION CASE

John T. Scopes Trial Set for July 10th at Dayton, Tenn., in First Test of Law Supported By William Jennings Bryan.

DAYTON, Tenn., May 25.—(A. P.)—John T. Scopes, high school science teacher, was indicted by a Rhea county grand jury here today on a charge of teaching evolution in a public school in violation of the Tennessee law.

The judge set July 10, at Dayton, for the trial.

The grand jury was assembled in special session to pass upon the case presented to it as a result of preliminary hearing two weeks ago when three justices of the peace held Scopes for grand jury action.

Judge John T. Raulston presiding, charged the jury on the law of the theory of evolution, as it shall be taught in the public schools of Tennessee, the first time such a charge has been delivered in a Tennessee court.

DAYTON, Tenn., May 25.—(A. P.)—The American Association for the Advancement of Science has joined in the Tennessee evolution case it was announced today as a Rhea county grand jury assembled to determine whether John T. Scopes, science teacher, should be indicted for violation of the state law, which prohibits teaching of evolution in the schools.

Dr. George W. Rappleyea, who investigated the court test, announced that Professor H. L. Hensley, president of the association, and member of Columbia university faculty had pledged support to the defense, promising a "scientific expert advice" for the trial.

HE'S GUILTY OF MURDER SAYS WHITE

State's Missing Witness in Chicago Germ Case Writes From Philadelphia to District Attorney—Claims He's Just Beginning to Fight Shepherd and His Gang.

CHICAGO, May 25.—(By Associated Press.) A purported letter from Robert White, missing witness in the murder trial of William Darling Shepherd, was made public today by Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Savage. The writer declared he was "just commencing to fight Shepherd and his gang," and would come back.

"Shepherd is guilty," said the writer whose signature, except for the letter "W" was virtually identical with the signature signed by White for the rented car in which he is said to have disappeared, and the signature of a purported letter from White to a Chicago newspaper.

"Shepherd is guilty, I must admit," the letter ran, "and he knows I know it, and God help him when I return. His bunch made a nervous wreck of me and also made me write a statement against my will. I am just commencing to fight Shepherd and his gang."

The letter denied he had stolen the rented car and said he had left \$45 for its temporary use. It requested the state's attorney to protect him from prosecution on a charge of its theft.

A postscript in a woman's hand and signed with Mrs. White's name denied that her husband had stolen an automobile and that he had talked about the Shepherd case, so far as she knew, before leaving Chicago.

The letter was postmarked Philadelphia, 6:30, May 23.

Death Toll of the Automobile

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 25.—A. McGregor Allan, 29, a Hill line surveyor, was almost instantly killed early yesterday near Olene, when a small coupe in which he was returning from a dance at Bonanza cata-paulted off the highway. Allan sustained a fractured skull and was dead when autoists reached him a few moments later. Young Allan was with the surveying group which has been running location lines for the Oregon Trunk near the Bonanza country. Another surveyor, whose name was not learned by authorities, was also in the car but escaped with minor injuries.

The dead man leaves a widow and small child at Tacoma.

LA GRANDE, Ore., May 25.—Mrs. W. R. McDowell, wife of the Western Union agent at Boise, Idaho, was almost instantly killed yesterday when an automobile in which she was riding with her husband and three children went over a steep embankment on a curve on the Old Oregon trail at Perry, Ore., about four miles west of La Grande.

Mrs. McDowell and baby were slightly injured. Two daughters aged 7 and 5 were unhurt.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 25.—Mrs. Agnes Henge Newhouse of this city was fatally injured about nine o'clock last evening when the automobile in which she and her husband were returning from a baseball game at La Grande, went into the ditch on the state highway about four miles from this city near the Walla Walla river bridge.

PRISONERS ESCAPE AT OREGON CITY

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 25.—Five prisoners escaped from the Oregon City jail about midnight Sunday night, it became known this morning. Officers believe the delivery to have been an outside job.

Trial of Evolution Teacher Promises Great Legal Battle



The trial of John T. Scopes, Dayton, Tenn., teacher, on the charge of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law, promises to develop into a great legal battle. William Jennings Bryan has asked to be allowed to appear for the prosecution, and Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone, internationally famous lawyers, have offered their services gratis to the defense.

LOCAL RESIDENT HELD ON CHARGE OF MAN SLAUGHTER

Charged with manslaughter, O. W. Murphy, a well-known resident of this city, was arrested Sunday by the sheriff's office as result of the death of his wife, Emma Murphy, at her home, 610 West Second street, last Friday.

The accused is alleged to have severely beaten the dead woman, inflicting injuries that caused her death. The alleged assault, according to the district attorney, was committed April 1 last, in a fit of jealous rage.

The warrant for Murphy's arrest was filed after an autopsy and post mortem had been made Saturday.

This morning Attorney George M. Roberts was retained to defend Murphy, and efforts will be made to secure his release on bail.

No date has been set for the preliminary hearing of Murphy. The result of the autopsy and post mortem will not be made public until further medical examinations have been completed.

The details of the alleged fatal assault will not be divulged until told by witnesses called at the preliminary hearing.

The funeral services of Mrs. Murphy will be held Tuesday afternoon from the Conger chapel. She is survived by two daughters, two sons and her mother, living in this city.

3 MEN BURNED TO DEATH ON RANCH

MARTINEZ, Cal., May 25.—Three men were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed a two-story garage and outbuildings on the Parmelee ranch two miles from Concord, south of here. All three apparently were overcome by smoke as they slept.

Mrs. Geo. Chamberlain Wife of Ex-Senator Dies in Washington

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25.—Funeral of Mrs. George E. Chamberlain, wife of Ex-Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, who died yesterday in Washington, will be held at the national capital and interment will probably be in Arlington cemetery, relatives here were advised today.

FIST FIGHT TO DEATH STAGED BY SHEEP MEN

Two Klamath Ranchers Fight Over Black Sheep On Sun Baked Range—Lurid Contest Ends When Tim Murphy Falls—Death Follows.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 25.—Timothy F. Murphy, 40, Klamath sheep grower, is dead, and Frank May, also a sheep operator, is held here in the county jail on an open charge as a result of a fist fight to a finish in the desolate Devil's Garden country in southern Klamath county yesterday.

The two men came to blows over a black sheep. Only an occasional stray heard or sleepy rattlesnake witnessed the bloody battle as the two men fought and tumbled about among the dusty sagebrush clumps and lava rock.

The argument started over the division of 1940 sheep which had been owned jointly. All their differences had been settled until they came to the last of the flock—a frisky little black sheep. Both men claimed ownership.

At first they sat astride their horses as the argument waxed warm. Then they decided to dismount and fight it out to determine who should get the little black sheep.

The horses browsed among the sagebrush as the two men stripped to the waist began smashing blows at each other. The sun beat down to glister on the streaks of crimson which flowed from face and body wounds.

Twice, according to the story given authorities, Murphy went down gasping with pain and fatigue. But twice he arose to continue and the third time Murphy went down his head pillowed on a bit of lava rock. His eyes became glazed and he failed to rise.

For several minutes he remained in a comatose state, then, according to Murphy's story, he helped the defeated man to his horse and in the saddle. Then they parted.

Just as he reached his sheep camp, Murphy slumped down in his saddle and would have fallen to the ground had his brother not rushed to his side to help him dismount.

According to the brother, Falk Murphy, Tim gasped out: "Frank May hit me over the head with his gun."

A few hours later he was dead, without having regained consciousness.

The body of the dead man was brought into Klamath Falls late last night where examination disclosed that he had died from a skull fracture.

Sheriff deputies arrested May at his sheep camp and brought him here to the county jail. He had a revolver on him when he was taken into custody, although it was declared no shots had been fired.

County authorities are in the southern part of the county today making a complete investigation.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, May 25.—Extensive readjustment of speculative accounts by professional traders accounted for the mixed price movements in today's stock market. Steels, public utilities and several of the motors were in demand, but heavy accumulation took place in the food, chemical, coal carrying railroads and merchandising shares with over two score issues breaking through to new peak prices for the year. Total sales approximated 1,700,000 shares.

2ND QUAKE ADDS HORROR TO TRAGEDY

Two More Violent Shocks Last Night Puts People in Devastated Zone in Panic—Death List Nears 300, 1000 Injured, Property Loss Is Tremendous.

TOKYO, May 25.—(A. P.)—Reports from the Hoyogio prefectural authorities officially place the number of dead in Saturday's earthquake and fire in the Tsjima district at 278. The number of injured is fixed at between 500 and 1000 and the number of houses destroyed will exceed 3000. Two additional violent earthquake shocks added to the terror of thousands of refugees at Toyo-Oka last night.

Meanwhile, official relief agencies continued to minister to the panic stricken populace in the devastated rural area which had not been visited by an earthquake for 400 years. More than two-thirds of Toyo-Oka a town of 7500 was in ruins today as a result of the fire that came in the wake of the temblor, according to word received at the home department from local Toyo-Oka governor. Reports trickling into Osaka from the devastated area give eyewitness accounts of the scenes of horror which followed the temblor. The disturbance reached the full measure of its intensity with alarming suddenness which gave residents of Toyo-Oka no chance for escape to the open streets.

A number of persons also were reported killed by boulders falling from the hillsides. Inflammable Japanese houses burned like tinder. The water mains were buckled and severed and fire fighters were unable to halt the flames. The worst suffering and casualties, Osaka reports said, were caused by the fires which broke out after the earthquake.

OSAKA, May 25.—(A. P.)—Immediate construction of six hundred barrack houses to provide shelter for survivors of the earthquake and fire at Toyo-Oka was decided upon after the arrival of the prefectural governor there today. Three hundred houses were ordered constructed at Kinokai and 300 at Tsuyama.

Refugees have been living in improvised sheds and tents while others have been forced to remain in the open area. Fifty carpenters are already working on the refugee homes, materials for which were commandeered at Kobe and Himeji.

Victims of the disaster have been given food, clothing and bedding offered by neighboring towns. This, with governmental aid, will be sufficient to care for the sufferers for the present. Tokyo has raised a relief fund of 20,000 yen. The emperor has contributed to the relief of the survivors.

OSAKA, May 25.—(A. P.)—An official prefectural report today from three towns—Toyo-Oka, Kinokai and Minato village—shows that 278 persons were killed and 528 injured as a result of the earthquake and fire on Saturday. The same report shows 444 houses collapsed as a result of the earthquake and 2224 houses were destroyed by fire.

START INVESTIGATION KLAMATH IRRIGATION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 25.—Investigation of the Klamath irrigation project was started today by Thomas E. Campbell and F. M. Goodwin, members of the federal commission of survey and adjustment for the reclamation service. M. H. Lapham, soil expert, accompanies them.

The commission first will make a tour of inspection of all the projects of this county and then will conduct public hearings later in the week.

BASEBALL SCORES

National League. R. H. E.
 At Pittsburg— 2 7 0
 Chicago— 5 8 0
 Bush, Jacobs, Brett and Hartnett; Morrison and Smith.

Other games postponed.

MAN DROWNS, KLAMATH RIVER, WHEN 4 MILE PURSUIT IN CAR FAILS TO RESCUE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 25.—Trapped by the fast rising waters of the Klamath river when the flood gates at Copco were opened Sunday afternoon, N. H. Wilbur, traveling man of San Francisco who is survived by a widow at 761 Post street, was drowned, and J. Rosenberg of San Francisco and Jack Severon of Yreka, narrowly escaped with their lives. The flood of water caught the men as they were fishing in Klamath river, and Rosenberg caught Severon as he was swept down the river and his body was pursued in an automobile by the survivors, but he sank after a chase of four miles.

The body was recovered near the Charles Hubbard ranch, six miles below where he lost his footing.

Merrill Conviction Upheld

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The conviction and sentence of Fred Merrill, who was accused of violation of the Volstead act in connection with the operation of a road house near Portland, Ore., was affirmed today by the United States circuit court.