

The Weather
Prediction.....Partly cloudy
Maximum yesterday.....86.5
Minimum today.....47.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum.....79
Minimum.....38

Daily—Twenty-third Year.
Weekly—Fifty-third Year.

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RUMORS ARE MULTIPLYING IN POLEFLIGHT

Many Theories Advanced, But Hope Strong Amundsen and Party Safe—Relief Expedition Held Premature—Arctic Weather Improves.

LOS ANGELES, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Plans for a seaplane expedition to go to the relief of Roald Amundsen, polar explorer, which have been going forward here for several days under the direction of Haakon H. Hammer, who led the relief of Amundsen in 1913, have been halted on advice from Spitzbergen headquarters of the Amundsen-Norwegian expedition that such a program is premature. This announcement was made here today by Hammer.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—(A. P.)—Hope for the safe return of the Amundsen polar expedition was held out today by Donald B. MacMillan, arctic explorer, who believes that any one of several reasons might have delayed the return of the fliers.

"It is inconceivable," he asserted, "that any man, however good a pilot can fly from the north end of Spitzbergen for a distance of 400 miles in a straight line and drop upon the north pole or even within fifty miles of it."

MacMillan, who will head the MacMillan arctic expedition, arrived here today to confer with officials of the National Geographic society and naval officers, including Rear Admiral Moffett, chief of the naval air service.

"If Amundsen's planes should be down in rough ice it would take several days to construct a 'run' for his planes," MacMillan continued. "If he missed Spitzbergen on his return, he is down, drift, and out of gas, with the remote possibility of rescue. If he is down at the north pole and cannot rise, I fear the worst in spite of his one month's provisions. To walk over the rough and snow covered ice of the polar sea, intersected with open and thin ice covered leads, for 400 miles to Spitzbergen, or 413 miles to Cape Columbia at this time of the year is utterly impossible for the best of men."

NEW YORK, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Today is the sixth since the Amundsen-Ellsworth polar flying expedition hopped off for the north and the whereabouts and welfare of the six adventurers remain as much of a mystery as ever.

When their two planes disappeared from the view of those at King's bay, Spitzbergen, all communication with them ceased, as Captain Amundsen went to carry as much motor fuel as possible.

As to what has befallen the party since, there are several possibilities but the truth can be founded only on a matter of conjecture.

Having found the pole or its vicinity the explorers may be spending some time in verifying their position and making the necessary records to prove their feat to the scientific world.

Again, they may have discovered a new land in the Arctic and be engaged at present in exploring it.

Another theory—and this is put forward by some who know the mettle of the discoverer of the south pole—is that he knew it would be impossible to fly back from the pole on account of the damage likely to be suffered by the planes on landing, and that the expedition, equipped with their hunting rifles, sleeping bags, folding boat and other aids, now are on their way back on foot across the ice which covers the northern seas.

The last possibility and one which admirers of the adventurous six refuse to envisage, is that disaster has befallen the expedition—that one or both of the planes have crashed and that few, or perhaps none of the explorers now survive.

There is much discussion about relief expeditions, but Amundsen's friends in Norway declare this talk is

Patented Rig to Eat Roasting Ears Safely Has Retaining Device

LOS ANGELES, May 27.—(A. P.)—An application was on file with the state corporation department here today for permission to sell 475,000 in capital stock of an enterprise to manufacture "corn servers," built to help the embarrassed diner guest through his task of eating corn on the cob. The device consists of two handles with which the cob is held in the vicinity of the mouth and a sort of hunting case receptacle in which the ear of corn can be left to wallow in melted butter while waiting to be eaten.

RUM BLOCKADE IS HELD NOT WORTH TREASURY DRAIN

Most of Illicit Booze From Home Sources Says Report—'Wet' Aide Sees National Bankruptcy if Prohibition Is Effective.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—(A. P.)—The rum blockade is described in a statement published today by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment as "a throwing away" of millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money, "to stop less than one per cent of the flow of liquor in the United States."

"Figures compiled by Dr. Rufus S. Tucker, special agent of the department of commerce, shows that imported liquors to the value of \$40,000,000 were smuggled into the country in 1924," said the statement. "He estimates that this value would be reduced by \$10,000,000 this year. Prohibition officials basing their estimate on the report of William V. Linder, chemist of the prohibition unit, declare that the amount of illicit imported liquor in the country is less than one per cent of the total illicit booze supply."

The "Daily" Bank Robbery

KENTLAND, Ind., May 27.—Between eight and twelve robbers early today besieged the town of Brook near here, blew open the vault of the State bank and escaped with \$2500. Kentland is the home of George Ade, humorist.

Telephone and telegraph wires leading out of the town were cut and the men proceeded in a leisurely manner to dynamite their way to the money. Frightened citizens were held at bay and were eye witnesses to the robbery.

Members of the band patrolled the various corners in the town stopping at the point of weapons all citizens who ventured from the shops to investigate the five dynamic explosions that shook the place.

Postal Head Resigns. WASHINGTON, May 27.—Paul Henderson, second assistant postmaster general was relieved today at his own request of his assignment as head of the air mail service. Postmaster General New delegated W. Irving Glover, third assistant postmaster general to succeed him.

Mr. Henderson resigned from the government service, effective August 1, to become general manager of the National Air Transport, Inc., recently organized at Chicago to develop commercial aviation.

ruled this was hardly proper and had him arrested on a charge of mistreating United States money. When Proper appeared before the United States commissioner here yesterday, it was testified his deportment usually was entirely proper, so the commissioner told him all would be forgiven if he would come back in two weeks with proof that he had been a proper Proper during that time.

CHURCH ROW OVER BELIEFS THREATENING

Presbyterians Face Definite Split Over Qualification On Ministers—New Rule Likened to Catholic Authority—Absolute Faith in Creed Is Demanded.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—A definite break in the Presbyterian church in the United States of America is imminent, modernists in the denomination's general assembly in session here declared today.

The split will come, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, New York, representing the decidedly liberal presbytery there, said, if the various presbyteries uphold action of the assembly yesterday in voting that a literal acceptance of the virgin birth is a necessary qualification of anyone who enters its ministry.

While the modernists regard their position in this regard today, ultra-fundamentalists, through Dr. Clarence Edward MacArthur, former moderator and one of their leaders, asserted that the "law and authority of the church would be upheld" if the New York presbytery continues to license ministers who do not accept in full all the creedal and doctrinal beliefs of the church.

A protest against the ruling of the judicial commission yesterday in upholding that the New York presbytery went against the law of the church in licensing ministers to preach who could not affirm belief in the virgin birth, was formally presented to the assembly today by the Rev. Charles B. Swartz of Chicago. This, church leaders pointed out, is in reality a dissenting opinion in the assembly itself, marking a direct line of cleavage.

The protest was being circulated among the commissioners for signature and so far some fifty had appended their names.

It concerned entirely the licensing of Henry P. Van Duzen, New York, who did not either affirm or deny acceptance of the theory of the virgin birth.

Eight points are listed and the principal contention is that under the church law the presbytery itself is the only judge of the qualification of a minister.

The holding of the commission, which became the judgment of the assembly by its adoption, violates the confession of faith itself, the protest asserted.

Signers of the protest included commissioners from many sections of the country. Represented were presbyteries and synods in New Jersey, Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, St. Louis, Ohio and Iowa.

The following chapter of the confession was quoted in substantiation: "The requiring of an implicit faith and an absolute and blind obedience is to destroy liberty and conscience and reason also."

"By requiring such absolute conformity," the protest said, "it restores those Roman Catholic theories of ecclesiastical authority which it was the very purpose of Presbyterian protestantism to overthrow."

While the modernists said that the appointment of a commission of 15 yesterday to study the whole issue question will avert the break for another year, Dr. Coffin's statement declared that if the presbyteries "approve the doctrine it would mean a break in the church. The great majority in the church does not want a break."

"If we wanted to state our position and if it ever comes up in civil court, that would be the basis of our case. I hope it never comes to that."

MOTOR BUS BILL ON REFERENDUM

SALEM, Ore., May 27.—With almost 30,000 signatures attached, the completed petitions, invoking the referendum on the bus bill of the 1925 legislature were filed late yesterday with Secretary of State Koser. It was stated that 19,832 of the names had been certified. Since only 2000 are required on the petitions the attempted withdrawal of upwards of 10,000 names would make no difference even if the withdrawals were allowed by opinion of the attorney general.

The completed petitions were filed by the Oregon Motor Stage association and the Freight Transportation association. Completed petitions for the referendum of the tobacco tax were filed Monday.

McClintock's Fiancee Eager to Testify Against Shepherd



Isabelle Pope, fiancee of William McClintock, "orphan millionaire," of whose murder William Darling Shepherd is accused, is anxious to testify in the trial of Shepherd, now in progress in Chicago. "I want to see a great wrong averted," she says. Miss Pope accuses Shepherd of thwarting her marriage to McClintock on his deathbed. She is seen at the trial.

RE-INDICT FALL ET AL IN TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL

Conspiracy in Oil Leases Is Charged—Original Indictments Heaved Out of Court—Doheny, Jr., Not Accused in New Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Albert B. Fall, Edward L. Doheny and Harry P. Sinclair, whose indictments as a result of the oil scandal recently were dismissed on a technicality, were re-indicted today by a District of Columbia jury.

As in the previous case the indictments charged conspiracy in connection with the Teapot Dome and Elk Hills leases. Edward L. Doheny Jr., who previously had been indicted also, was not re-indicted.

The original indictments returned here last summer were thrown out of court on April 3 last on the ground the indictment officer of the department of justice had been present in the grand jury room and that his presence was illegal because prosecution of the case was in the hands of the government's special oil counsel.

With the assembling of a new jury many of the witnesses who had appeared in the first instance were recalled and much of the documentary evidence gathered in the senate oil inquiry likewise was re-submitted.

In the main the indictments returned today followed up the old charges.

Cut Gold Hill Off Pacific Highway Is Plan of Motor Ass'n.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27.—Switch the Pacific highway to the west side of the river, cutting Gold Hill entirely off it, shorten the route and save \$440,000 bridge, is the recommendation that the board of directors of the Oregon State Motor association voted today to make to the state highway commission. The highway commission will meet tomorrow and will open bids on the proposed Gold Hill bridge.

The association complained of speed and traffic traps in Gold Hill.

Ashland High School Wins State Debating Title From Milton

EUGENE, Ore., May 27.—Ashland high school won the state debate championship here yesterday, 2 to 1, defeating McLoughlin Union high of Milton-Freewater. The winners upheld the negative of the question, "Resolved, That the referendum is a desirable feature of representative government."

SENATOR 'BOB' STANDS UP FOR PUBLIC DOMAIN

Time for a Definite Policy, He Declares—Grazing and Forests Need Protection—Livestock Industry Needs Protection, Cattlemen Told.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27.—That the time has come when something should be done toward a definite policy relative to the public domain, was the assertion of United States Senator Robert S. Stanfield at today's session of the twelfth annual convention of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon.

"The rights of grazing and the preservation of the forests and all other resources of the forests and other public lands should be definitely settled in a manner which will be for the best interests of all concerned," he said.

Senator Stanfield, who is chairman of the senate public lands committee said that his committee will soon begin a series of hearings throughout the western states to obtain ideas relative to the control of public lands, and from these suggestions to develop a policy which will be presented to congress.

First of these hearings will be held soon in Arizona. The next will be in Salt Lake City in August and then will follow hearings in Montana, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, California and New Mexico.

Senator Stanfield reviewed legislation relating to stock raising and other agricultural pursuits and criticized bureaucratic control of divisions of the federal government.

He emphasized the need for preservation of the livestock industry of the nation and said unless the industry is aided instead of being hampered in its operations the time would come when the nation would have to depend on other countries for its supplies of meat and hides and that far higher prices for those commodities would follow.

MELHORN WINS MID-WEST GOLF

LAKE FOREST, Ill., May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bill Melhorn of West Moreland Country club of Chicago, western open champion, took the lead in the first elimination rounds of the middle west players for the national open golf championship by scoring 23-38-71, over the Orwinston club links today. Jack Hutchison of Chicago, former British champion, took 37-37-74.

Chick Evans finished with a pair of 37's for a 74 to take the lead of the amateurs and finished well up among the best scores. Laurie Ayton, after taking 40 strokes for the first nine came home in a remarkable 32, four under par, for a 72. Lloyd Gullickson also turned in a 72.

O. A. C. MILITARY MEET, DECORATION DAY, GETS A MILD REBUFF FROM GOVERNOR

SALEM, Ore., May 27.—Since arrangements for the military tournament at Oregon Agricultural college on Decoration day have gone as far as they have, Governor Pierce said today that he would not interfere with the tournament but that in the future he would request that the tournament be held on that day. The governor today received a protest from the Grand Army of the Republic and last

PLOTTER IN GERM CASE ARRESTED

Kelly, 'Fixer' for Flight of White, Star Witness, Confesses—\$5000 Deal Told—Expect Fugitive Confessor to Be Arrested in New York Today.

CHICAGO, May 27.—(A. P.)—While Robert White, fugitive witness on whose testimony the state largely rests its hope of convicting William D. Shepherd for the murder of William H. McClintock, was being sought in New York today the state attorney's office proceeded with its inquiry into alleged jury fixing attempts.

State's Attorney Crowe traced White to New York last night and expected his arrest there today. Meanwhile the formal arrest of James J. Kelly here last night, turned the prosecutor's office into a buzzing hive of activity, around which Mr. Crowe threw a blanket of secrecy.

Kelly was named in a letter purported to have been written by White in Philadelphia last week which charged he had been forced to flee from Chicago.

Kelly admitted having been with White and Arthur E. Byrne, investigator for Shepherd, the night before White left the city.

"Kelly has told a lot," said Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Savage after the sudden rush of activity had started. "But Mr. Crowe has told me to say nothing."

Mr. Crowe's only announcement was that Kelly had made admissions that "implicated" White.

Amplification of this statement was refused. The prosecutor explained his reticence by saying the Shepherd defense had accused him of trying to "poison the public mind against them."

The Chicago Tribune says today that Kelly made this statement to his interrogators:

"I saw White the night before he disappeared. He told me that for \$5000 he would make an affidavit changing all the testimony he had given before the grand jury. A lawyer was called to draw up the affidavit and he did draw it up, but it is my understanding that White never signed it."

White's testimony to the grand jury was in support of C. C. Fairman's assertions that he had sold typhoid germs to Shepherd with the knowledge that they were to be used in killing McClintock.

Yesterday's questioning of veniremen in the Shepherd case and of jurors and wives of jurors in cases argued by W. S. Stewart and W. W. O'Brien, Shepherd's counsel, brought no evidence of attempts to fix the jury or evidence that juries in past cases had been "fixed."

There were only three jurors and one venireman tentatively passed by both sides when court opened this morning to denote progress in the selection of the jury, one juror having been dropped because he has formed an opinion since being selected.

CHICAGO, May 27.—(A. P.)—Efforts today to find twelve men willing to convict William Darling Shepherd on circumstantial evidence for the murder of his millionaire foster son, William Nelson McClintock, continued to be the chief stumbling block in the selection of a jury.

The state's attorney expressed a belief that Robert White, sought as a witness against Shepherd, would be in custody in New York by night.

Heathen Lands Suffer, Too. LEXINGTON, Ky., May 27.—Charges that modernism had cropped out among Presbyterian missionaries in foreign fields were made at the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States today.

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