

The Weather
 Prediction Cloudy
 Probable Showers
 Maximum yesterday 52
 Minimum today 53

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Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 80
 Minimum 42

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ALARM FOR SAFETY POLE FLYERS EBBS

Experienced Explorers Say Party in No Immediate Danger—Believe Party Taking Observations—Hike to Pole Probable—Norway Official Anxious

NEW YORK, May 28.—(A. P.)—Although almost seven days have passed without word from the Ellsworth-Amundsen north pole aerial expedition, plans for organization of relief parties in America and Norway have been halted on the advice of veteran explorers. The consensus appears to be that the fliers are in no immediate danger.

Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, points to the possibility of Amundsen going to Fort Conger or Cape Columbia in which case nothing would be heard from him until the first mail from Thule, about this time next year.

Bernon S. Pittow, brother-in-law of Lincoln Ellsworth, financial backer and member of the expedition says he is ready at any time, in his capacity as chairman, to call the American advisory committee together to raise funds for a relief party, but that thus far no alarm is felt. He also declared that Amundsen intended heading for Alaska from the pole if conditions were favorable.

Donald D. MacMillan who will head the all-American expedition into the arctic next month said last night it was too early to become alarmed for the safety of the party.

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

"If the party lands within 25 miles of the pole, a journey on foot would be preferable to a trip through the air as it would eliminate one more extra hazard of a take-off and a landing. If on this foot journey Amundsen encounters ice similar to that seen by us in 1914, he will not be back for several days.

Professor Hoel, geologist of Oslo university in the Norwegian capital, thinks it useless for airplanes to attempt a rescue, declaring:

"It would be like looking for a needle in a haystack."

The Norwegian defense minister, Rolf Jacobsen, on the other hand, is quoted as insisting that a relief party should be undertaken soon.

Pretty Dancer Reminds Harry of Girls He Knew When Young

NEW YORK, May 28.—(A. P.)—The New York American today quotes Harry K. Thaw in explanation of his association with the Misses Gray, dancer, who the paper says has received \$5,000 worth of diamond bracelets from him.

"I shan't say I love her, but I will admit a deep admiration," Thaw is quoted as saying. "I was struck by her enchanting personality and grace. She reminded me much of the girls when I was a young boy."

"I'll bet she will be married to some other man within a year. It's ridiculous to think anyone cares about me."

F. C. BRAMWELL BANK H'D, FACES A LEGAL PUZZLE

Every Act Since May 25 Null and Void Under Law, Says G. Putnam's Paper—Salem Fights to Keep Office.

SALEM, Ore., May 28.—Frank C. Bramwell, known as the state superintendent of banks is not superintendent of banks and every action he has taken in that capacity since May 25 is invalid and void, the Capital Journal declares in a story published this afternoon.

Bramwell held the position of superintendent of banks under the old state banking code which was repealed by the state legislature and has not been elected to that position by the state banking board under the terms of the new banking code, the story says.

The new code, signed by the governor and filed with the secretary of state February 25, became effective May 25 and automatically repealed the old code, including that section providing for the appointment of the banking superintendent without providing that Bramwell should continue in office until the new superintendent had been elected and had been qualified.

The new code provides that the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer shall constitute the state banking board, and then provides:

"Section 9: The superintendent of banks shall be appointed by the state banking board and shall hold office for the term of four years from the date of such appointment, unless sooner removed for cause, and his successor shall be appointed and qualified."

With Bramwell thus legislated out of office, says the Capital Journal, the question arises whether or not, in view of his recent action in moving the headquarters of the department to Portland, he will be reappointed. State Treasurer Kay has announced his opposition to the change in headquarters from Salem and may insist that Bramwell's re-appointment be conditional upon the return of the office to Salem.

Mandamus proceedings to compel the return of the office to the capital, instituted by District Attorney Carson of Marion county upon motion of George Putnam are now pending in the circuit court here.

SEC. WEEKS STANDS OPERATION WELL

BOSTON, May 28.—(A. P.)—Secretary of war John W. Weeks was operated upon today at the Phillips Hospital, Massachusetts General hospital, for gall stones. A bulletin issued by Dr. Daniel Fiske Jones, the operating surgeon, said that Mr. Weeks' condition was good.

The bulletin said that the gall stones had been removed and the gall bladder drained, the operation being performed under local anesthetic. Secretary Weeks was told the ordeal well, Dr. Jones said.

Fizzlaxza Bombed
 MELLILLA, Spanish Morocco, May 28.—(By Associated Press.) Spanish air squadrons are concentrating their raids on Fizzlaxza and other rebel centers. Seaplanes are dropping bombs on small groups of rebels. The troops holding the first line of Spanish fronts have been relieved by new forces.

LADY PISTOL EXPERT, IN FAMILY ROW, BEATS HUSBAND WITH RIFLE TO DRAW

TACOMA, May 28.—Long lessons in marksmanship which he had given his wife to protect herself against intruders, culminated fatally this morning for Hugh Delaney, local boxer, when Mrs. Magdalene Delaney, 39, grabbed the instruction pistol and shot her husband through the heart during an altercation in their home at East Larchmont, just outside the city limits.

Her husband had threatened to kill her and was holding a Springfield army rifle pointed toward her when she fired the shot that ended

SAYS EARTH FLAT, AGAIN EVOLUTION

Overseer of Zion Joins Bryan, and Tennessee School Board in New Intolerance—Darrow Denies He Is Atheist—Commoner in Appeal.

CHICAGO, May 28.—(A. P.)—Principals in the widely advertised Tennessee evolution case, set for trial July 10, have given an additional filip of interest to the coming scientific struggle by outlining their views on evolution and the questions at stake in the litigation.

In addition a new voice was heard when William Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion City, and a champion of the theory that the world is flat, came forward with a statement that "evolution is one of the most dangerous theories ever propounded."

As preparations went forward for the trial, with both sides lining up their forces, word came from Hurlington, Tenn., that the board of education of Carroll county had announced its purpose to employ no teachers who believe in evolution. The board also condemned Henrik Van Loon's "The Story of Mankind," sent to the schools by the circulating department of the state library, John T. Scopes, whom as defendant, sprang into wide notice in his first year as a school science instructor, explained his views in a statement at Lexington, Ky., during a visit to the University of Kentucky, his alma mater.

"I believe that man and all animals ascended from the lower orders, but I have never seen or read any scientific statement that man descended from a monkey and I don't believe that," he said. "No person could teach even the most elementary courses in biology without recognition of the events of man's evolution."

William Jennings Bryan, who will appear on the side of the prosecution, had this to say:

"I would suggest that the real issue in the Scopes case is not the teaching of evolution, but who shall control our schools and determine what shall be taught. Some legislatures and some courts have excluded the Bible from the schools. If a legislature can prohibit the reading of the Bible can it not prohibit the teachings of a book that calls the Bible a lie?"

And, finally Clarence Darrow against whom there was said to be some hesitancy expressed at accepting his services for the defense because of his alleged un-Christian views, countered the charges with this:

"I am not an infidel. I am not an atheist. When it comes to the question of whether there is a God I am ignorant. I don't know. I suppose an atheist is one who believes there is no God. I have no opinion one way or the other."

GENTLE TWITTING BY ANGLO-SAXONS AT LONDON BANQUET

LONDON, May 28.—(A. P.)—Ambassador A. B. Houghton, speaking at a luncheon given in his honor by the English-speaking union today, said it pleased him to see tens of thousands of Americans scattered about England because it had a tendency to bring the United States and Great Britain together. At the same time, he said, it gave the travelers splendid insight into some of the European problems that confront the world today.

In welcoming Ambassador Houghton, Lord Birkenhead said the new American envoy had arrived in England at a time when the diplomatic, social and political relations of the United States and Great Britain never had been more harmonious.

In remote times it was a common practice during election campaigns in the United States to engage in what is known in England as "twisting the lion's tail," said Birkenhead. "but I don't recall that the lion ever had been seriously incommoded by the process."

"We, in this country, never venture to pluck feathers from the great American eagle.

"England is watching the experiment with the greatest interest but without the slightest desire to try ourselves," was Lord Birkenhead's shot at American prohibition.

Piece Appointees
 SALEM, Ore., May 28.—A. R. Sawtall and Arch J. Tourtelotte of Portland were today appointed by Governor Pierce as members of the state board of accountancy to succeed W. D. Whitcombe and Arthur Terridge whose terms expire.

No Wonder They Have Slow Trains in Arkansas—There's So Much to See



These are three of the four beauties chosen by John Held, Jr., American artist, as the prettiest students of the University of Arkansas. They will have featured positions in the "Razorback" student annual.

DEMOCRACY NOW CONVALESCING FROM ELECTION

National Committee Revivified and Party Machinery Oiled—Shaver Shies at Quitting—Politicians Start Speculating on Successor.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(A. P.)—Renewed signs of activity in democratic national politics pointing to an extensive re-organization of party machinery and probably the designation of a new national chairman are providing many new morsels of discussion and speculation for politicians in Washington.

There are indications that the move for rehabilitation of the democratic organization after its crushing defeat of last November may come to a head in the meeting of the democratic national committee here within a few weeks. Thus far, however, the proposal for such a meeting is entirely tentative.

It is the general expectation of democratic leaders here that Clem Shaver of West Virginia who was made national chairman to waive the campaign of John W. Davis last year, will not remain in active charge of the reorganized party organization. He had in New York last night that he had no intention of resigning at present, but his friends believe he will make up his mind to do so once there has been general agreement on a successor.

Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, now chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee is favored by many party leaders for active head of the revived organization.

FUGITIVE RED IS CAUGHT, ESCAPES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 28.—Sliam Barclay, elusive Klamath Indian, who is suspected of complicity in the mysterious death of Freddie Jackson of Chiloquin was arrested yesterday at Copco on the Klamath river, only to escape several hours later from the makeshift jail at Copco, the sheriff's office announced last night.

Barclay escaped three months ago from the Klamath county jail, where he was serving time following sentence on a liquor charge. Barclay and Louis Knight escaped together. Knight later surrendered himself to authorities and is now serving time in jail.

This is the third jail escape made by Barclay since his arrest on the liquor charge in Chiloquin last February. Authorities are watching the roads leading from Copco, but hold little hope of catching the Indian.

Subway Crash
 NEW YORK, May 28.—(By Associated Press.) Twelve passengers were injured today in a collision of two subway trains in the Bronx. Ambulances were hurried to the scene.

The crash occurred at the 177th street station of the Pelham Six Park line. One train consisted of six cars and the other of two, all constructed of steel. Police reserves were called.

OREGON'S FIRST STATE FLAG IS RAIN BAPTISED

Presentation to Governor in Presence of Military Dignitaries and Supreme Court—National Defense Day Observance Doubtful

SALEM, Ore., May 28.—Oregon's first state flag, made according to the design adopted by law at the 1925 session of the legislature and which becomes the official state flag today, was informally presented to the state at the east entrance of the capitol today. A downpour of rain marred the brief ceremony.

The presentation was made by the general staff of the Oregon National Guard, headed by Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of the state, and acceptance was by Governor Pierce, who pronounced it the official state flag in the presence of Secretary of State Kozler, State Treasurer Kay, Attorney General Van Winkle and the members of the supreme court.

Major Thomas Riley was master of ceremonies. George Griffith, state commander of the American Legion, was in the group.

The face of the flag shows the coat of arms of the state and over it gold letters "state of Oregon," with a cluster of 33 gold stars. On the reverse side is a beaver in gold, the beaver being the state emblem.

The flag was made in Portland by Julius L. Mier, in the flag department of the store, and was completed in five days so it might be used at Lexington, Mass., at the anniversary celebration of the battle of Lexington. It was returned to Oregon after its use at Lexington.

SALEM, Ore., May 28.—It became doubtful today whether Oregon this year will participate in national defense test day due to the desire of President Coolidge to have the test on July 4.

Governor Pierce recently expressed approval on the part of this state in a national defense test day, but at that time it was proposed to have the test on Armistice day. To have it on July 4 might bring the preparations in conflict with the state training camp activities, since the annual encampment will be in progress at Camp Jackson, near Medford from June 12 to 25, and the heavy artillery encampment at Camp Barry from June 13 to 30.

That reason it appeared doubtful whether Oregon could participate in the national test. Adjutant General White and Governor Pierce will confer on the problem today. The governor, however, sent a telegram to President Coolidge approving the test on July 4.

Some protests against a national test are being received. Today one came from Paul Jones of New York, claiming to represent the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which is said to have a membership in 42 countries and to be "working for peace as a Christian duty and a world necessity." The telegram urges the governor not to accede to any national defense plan.

M'KENZIE PASS TO OPEN BY JUNE 15

BEND, Ore., May 28.—The McKenzie pass will be open for automobiles within two weeks, in the opinion of A. D. Abbott, local agent of the Standard Oil company, who was at the summit yesterday. Thirty feet of snow in the cut is being dynamited by three men of the bureau of public roads today and posts of the American Legion in central Oregon and the Willamette valley plan to unite Sunday, May 31 in a concerted effort to open the road over the summit. Mr. Abbott says that when the thirty foot bank is broken the snow will melt sufficiently that cars will be able to cross within two weeks at least.

The first car into East Lake this year was driven in yesterday by A. D. Tiller of Bend. The day before he had visited the lake but walked in four miles. Fishing is good at the lake now and Mr. and Mrs. Tiller got the full limit while in yesterday.

Vendor of Booze to High School Auto Ride, Ended Tragically, Jailed
 EVERETT, Wash., May 28.—The prosecuting attorney's office here today prepared information against Karl Glad of Arlington, aged 35, charging manslaughter in connection with the death of Ella Pike, who died early yesterday morning when she fell over a bank 175 feet high on the Arlington-Darrington road today. C. T. Roscoe, prosecutor, says he will file the information in superior court this afternoon.

Glad is being held in the county jail here charged with the unlawful sale of liquor. The prosecutor alleges Glad furnished liquor to Verne Britton and Harry Martin, who, with Miss Pike and Gladys Hovin formed an automobile party that ended in the death of Miss Pike. Britton and Martin have been released on bonds to appear as witnesses.

Boy 8, Held for Murder of Baby, Just for a Thrill

LOWELL, Mass., May 28.—(A. P.)—John Veres, an eight year old boy, was formally charged with murder today. He and Mildred Harlow, six, have admitted that for the excitement of it they threw little Vivian Mary Husson, 19 months old, into a pool yesterday in the whirling pool below Pawtucket Falls.

The baby was drowned. Mildred was held as a witness.

PEAR SHIPMENTS FOR THIS YEAR 1,500 UP CARS

Good Crop, Despite Dropping, Says County Agent in Review of 1925 Prospects—Blight Conditions Are Better With Warm Weather.

"The season of 1925 has been more or less disappointing to the fruit growers of the Rogue River valley, as it has been to fruit growers of California, the Willamette valley, Yakima valley, Hood River and other sections," says C. C. Cate, county pathologist, today in a review of the prospects for the fruit crop in the Rogue River valley.

"Due to the winter freeze in December of last year, when the sap was not thoroughly down in the trees, a heavy dropping of fruit has occurred in the entire northwest on most varieties of fruit.

"However, the pear prospects of the Rogue River valley are for 1500 to 1800 cars. The highest number of cars ever shipped from the valley was in 1923, when we shipped out close to 2400 cars. In 1924, approximately 1200 cars were shipped. In other years past, we have ranged from 900 to 1500 cars.

"The apple crop will be about 70 per cent in this valley, which is very good, considering the fact that apples in most districts are alternate bearers. Large acreages of apples have been pulled out in the last 16 months, which will reduce the tonnage considerably.

"The heavy dropping this year in this district has been caused mainly by the heavy freeze in December, and rainy and cloudy weather during blossom time.

"The valley as a whole is in fairly good shape from the standpoint of blight, but some sections have had trouble in controlling it on account of so much cloudy and rainy weather. However, with the past warm days, the blight condition is looking much better, and it will be under control before many days."

ITALY ANXIOUS TO SETTLE WAR DEBT

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(By Associated Press.) Ambassador De Martino for Italy has called his government for additional information upon which to continue discussions with Secretary Mellon relative to funding the Italian debt.

Secretary Mellon regards the visit of the ambassador two days ago as the beginning of actual negotiations for a funding settlement. He is convinced that Italy is desirous of continuing the conferences to a conclusion.

CUT COMPARTMENT FEE ON TRAINS

SEATTLE, May 28.—A 25 per cent reduction in cost of fares for single passengers having exclusive occupancy of a compartment, was announced here today by the Southern Pacific railway.

Beginning June 20 passengers wishing compartments need purchase one and one-half fare tickets instead of two as now. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway recently announced a similar reduction.

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