

The Weather
 Prediction Fair and continued warm
 Maximum yesterday 105
 Minimum today 69.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 86
 Minimum 49

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MAN KILLED IN BLAST AT LOCAL MINE

L. A. Compson of Gold Hill Meets Death at Buzzard Mine When Dynamite Charge Explodes—Son, Archie, Is Injured, But Will Recover—To Probe Cause.

Striking a dynamite charge accidentally with his pick, L. A. Compson of the Gold Hill district was fatally injured yesterday at the Buzzard mine, 50 miles from Medford, and his son Archie was wounded about the head and shoulders and one eye was seriously injured. The father lived but a short time after the explosion, being frightfully mangled. The son is in a local hospital not severely hurt, but quite unnerved as the result of the tragedy.

The two men, according to the coroner's office, had finished firing their blasts before stopping to eat the noon time meal, and when they recommenced work they counted the charges finding one had not gone off. About two hours later Compson was using a pick in the vicinity of the unexploded charge, and suddenly an explosion occurred, it being assumed that the pick detonated the cartridge.

Deputy Coroner J. Walker was summoned to the scene of the accident, leaving Medford about 3 o'clock. It was not until early this morning, about 1 o'clock, because of bad roads, he arrived in Medford with the body of the unfortunate man. Archie, the son, was immediately taken to the hospital.

The deceased was born April 6, 1876 at Mendocino, California, being 49 years, two months and 19 days old at the time of his death. He had lived with his family two and one-half miles south of Gold Hill on the road leading to Jacksonville for four years, and formerly had been a resident of Jacksonville and Ashland. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Lillian Compson, and four children, Archie, Irma, Floyd and Grace, all of Gold Hill, one brother, Willis C., and two sisters, Mrs. Felton and Mrs. Cahill living in Mendocino, Calif.

No inquest will be held, as the death of Mr. Compson is regarded as purely accidental. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

According to E. E. Carter, manager of the mine, young Compson is convinced that his father did not pick into a dynamite charge, and believes it was a delayed explosion. The exact cause will be determined after an investigation by Mr. Carter.

Casualties of the Air Service

MITCHELL FIELD, NEW YORK, June 25.—(A. P.)—Sergeant Douglas E. Logan of the United States army air service was killed at Mitchell field today when a piece of a propeller, broken in the fall of a Martin bomber in which he was riding, tore through the fuselage and pierced his heart. He has relatives in Bisbee, Ariz.

The bomber, piloted by Lieutenant J. A. Wilson, was undergoing a trial flight, being just from the engineering shops. Twenty feet from the ground a gust of wind tilted the plane and it fell, breaking a propeller and stripping the under carriage.

With terrific force a piece of the propeller flew off and ripped through the forward cockpit in which Logan was riding.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, June 25.—The closing was strong. General Motors touched a new top at 83 and American Can extended its gain to five points.

Stock prices moved out of the narrow area in which they had been fluctuating on the upside in today's market. Bullish demonstrations were vigorously conducted in a number of motors, tobaccos and public utilities. Total sales approximated 1,150,000 shares.

THUNDER STORM CAUSES HAVOC AND PANIC IN GREATER NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 25.—Greater New York was recovering today from the effects of a severe thunder storm.

A bolt knocked an arm from the cross atop one of the two majestic spires of St. Patrick's cathedral, while 400 persons were inside. Fragments of the 200 pound marble arm showered the street, but no one was injured.

A five ton granite ball was knocked from a tower of the American museum of natural history by another bolt. The ball tore a hole in the roof, shattered windows and ripped up 25 feet of stone wall along a driveway.

Lightning hit the North Hudson hospital and Emmanuel Evangelical church in Union City, N. J. Fifty patients were thrown into a panic.

Picks Up Necklace of Pearls in Paris Street Worth \$36,800

PARIS, June 25.—A necklace of 134 pearls valued by experts at 800,000 francs (about \$36,800) was found in the street last night and promptly handed in to the police by the finder. French law provides that the finder in such cases becomes the legal owner if the object is unclaimed for a year and a day.

SCORES KILLED IN MYSTERIOUS THEATRE BLAST

Sudden Explosion Wrecks Kansas City Theatre While Play Is Going On—Fire Follows Blow Up—Death List May Reach 35.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 25.—(A. P.)—An unknown number of persons were killed and scores injured when an explosion, followed by fire destroyed the Gillis theater, a burlesque house, here last night. An audience variously estimated from fifty to one hundred was viewing a motion picture film.

This morning, hours after the destruction of the five-story theater building, no definite estimate of the number of dead could be made, although police and fire department officials said they believed from 30 to 35 of the hundred or more persons in the theater and restaurants and stores of the building had been trapped in the debris.

Early today firemen had organized a volunteer party of 100 men to search the smoldering wreckage for bodies. They predicted it would take many hours of digging before an accurate appraisal of casualties could be made.

A fireman, John Hagan, was killed on his way to the scene when a fire truck overturned. Two other firemen were injured.

The explosion came with startling swiftness at eleven o'clock. Flames enveloped the structure almost immediately following the blast and the roof and floors of the ancient building, constructed 42 years ago as the city's finest play house, collapsed.

Those who were able to make their way out of the building did so almost miraculously, according to eye witnesses.

Exits of the theater, which was located on the second floor were few in number. The main entrance and a rear exit behind the stage both led down a confusing array of stairways of wood which crumbled in a moment under the falling building.

The rear exit was closed almost at once. Stories of witnesses say the rear exit was closed by the falling of the stage. Torn and bleeding men were seen running from the building and some of them were dragged from the debris.

The midnight show had just started and a love scene was playing on the screen when the blast rocked the building, bringing down the balcony as the floor gave way, according to survivors.

When the entire center section of the building collapsed, it sent bricks and debris into surrounding streets and broke windows a block away. Thirty minutes after the explosion, the south wall of the theater fell, crushing several small stores.

A negro porter in a restaurant on the ground floor of the building, said that half an hour before the explosion he detected gas fumes in the basement.

Property damage was placed at \$150,000.

KANSAS CITY, June 25.—(A. P.)—Persons who escaped from the theater building following the explosion and fire last night were agreed today that no more than twenty persons were in the show house at the time of the blast. Last night the theater audience was variously estimated at from fifteen to one hundred. How many of those escaped from the collapsing building could not be estimated by the witnesses.

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GUARDSMEN LEAVE CITY ON SCHEDULE

Last Troop Train Left at 7 A. M.—Medford Is Presented With Flag and Thanked for Splendid Hospitality—Camp Is Expected to Return Next Year.

Following farewell social affairs in the city last night for the soldiers of the national guard, and a happy exchange of compliments between the guardsmen and the people of Medford, represented by Brigadier General Geo. A. White and Mayor Alenderfer, respectively, the troops entrained at the depot early this morning in five long special trains for the homes of the various units throughout the state, and Camp Jackson passed into the realm of pleasant memories.

The soldiers departed full of gratitude for the many courtesies extended to them all through the 14 days' encampment, and Medford people on their part regretted to see these hundreds of fine young men go, and hoped to again welcome them to Medford next year.

It was at the band concert in the city park given last evening by the 186th regimental band in compliment to Medford, that the official farewell speechmaking occurred, during which General White presented on behalf of the Oregon national guard a very large silver loving cup to President R. J. Clancy of the Chamber of Commerce for the people of Medford, and also presented the city, through the chamber, with the Second brigade flag, to be kept by Medford until called for, which time General White said he hoped would be at next year's encampment here.

Mayor O. O. Alenderfer began the speechmaking with an address in which he praised the Oregon national guard for its fine personnel and the noteworthy conduct of the troops in the city during the encampment. The mayor stated that so exemplary was this soldierly conduct that the Medford police did not have to even reprimand any soldier during all this time. The mayor said Medford would be happy to welcome the guardsmen here annually.

General White came back in a particularly happy mood in which he expressed the gratitude of the state troops for the many courtesies and pleasures extended them by the Medford community, and said that the guardsmen if they had their way would be glad to hold the annual encampment in this city hereafter.

Thanking Mayor Alenderfer for his kind remarks, General White then said that he was happy to learn that his soldiers had acted so well in Medford, and that it afforded him much additional pleasure to state that the military police of Camp Jackson on duty during the encampment found it totally unnecessary to arrest a single Medford citizen or a member of the Medford police force.

The tent city of Camp Jackson was struck at 6 o'clock last evening and the work of hauling all the camp equipment that could be spared to the railroad yards and loading it into the awaiting baggage and freight cars was continued from dusk until midnight by the various contingents on this detail.

The troops slept last night under their shelter tents, and after a very early breakfast packed their carrying equipment for the trip home and marched from the camp to the depot yards with bugles blowing and letting out cheers frequently for Medford and Camp Jackson.

The first train got away north at 5 A. M. and the other trains departed 30 minutes apart until 7 A. M., when the last of the five special trains departed on time.

A detachment of 125 men was left behind in command of Lieutenant Colonel Baker to clean up the odds and ends of the camp, which work will be completed by Saturday evening.

Also in the railroad yards this forenoon there were 38 freight cars containing ordnance and other national guard equipment to be shipped north, and there will be 14 more freight cars of this to be shipped.

The railroad men had a huge task in supplying the 55 coaches for the five special trains with water and ice, and worked all night until 4 o'clock this morning before this job was finished.

Another pleasant feature of last night's concert and official farewell to the soldiers was the presentation of a loving cup by the local Chamber of Commerce to Company A of McMinville, 162nd regiment, for being the best drilled company in the Second brigade. President Clancy of the chamber made the presentation, and the award was received on behalf of the company by Colonel Eugene Moshberger.

Riffians Attack French.
FEZ, French Morocco, June 25.—(A. P.)—Abd-El-Krim, the Riffian leader, began a vigorous offensive near Taza today and the French counter-attacked. The battle was continuing this afternoon with Riffian losses heavy.

LaFollette Leaves Washington



The body of Senator Robert M. LaFollette being taken from his residence in the capital, to be taken to Madison, Wisconsin.

HOT WAVE PEAK PASSES AS THE MERCURY FALLS

Light Winds and Sea Breezes Bring Relief to Oregon, But Weather Still Torrid—Mercury 101 in Portland Yesterday.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 25.—A light wind brought some relief to Klamath Falls today, with the thermometer registering 86 at 11 o'clock this morning. At the same hour yesterday it registered 99 degrees. Indications were that the mercury would not go above 95 during the day.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—(A. P.)—Ocean breezes sweeping in last night caused temperatures in this vicinity to drop considerably with the result that the temperature was less torrid here today than yesterday when a new high record for June was established. The maximum yesterday was 101. E. L. Wells, weather observer, said he expected the maximum here today to be about 96. He said, however, that the hot spell would continue for two or three days.

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 25.—Roseburg entered upon another hot day with the indications, however, that the temperature would not reach the high point of yesterday and the day before. The morning observation at the local weather bureau reported a temperature of 55 degrees at 8 a. m., as compared to 59 degrees at the same time yesterday. A light breeze blowing from the north is expected to keep the temperature at least below the century mark.

BEND, Ore., June 25.—The temperature reached 99 early yesterday afternoon, according to the government weather observer. This was within one degree of the maximum ever recorded in Bend. During the night the lowest temperature recorded was 61, a higher minimum than any time before this season.

PENDLETON, Ore., June 25.—The official government thermometer in Pendleton registered 105 degrees during the late afternoon yesterday. Warm weather prevailed again today, the maximum temperature during the forenoon being 92. Farmers say but little damage has thus far been done to the growing wheat, but they would welcome cooler weather as the present situation is critical.

HALEM, Ore., June 25.—With a

RANCHER RIDES FOR LIFE AHEAD OF AVALANCHE

Has Thrilling Escape From Death When Sheep Mountain Collapses—Tourists Flock to See Sights.

JACKSON, Wyo., June 25.—(A. P.)—Racing ahead of an avalanche with the life and safety of his family and home at stake, and winning by a matter of minutes, was the experience of Gil Huff, Wyoming rancher, whose story of seeing the north side of Sheep mountain crumble and fall near here Tuesday, became known today. Huff said he was riding on horseback at the foot of the mountain when it began to move, carrying on its back a section of the dense Teton national forest. He was riding near his ranch, he said, when he saw this. He turned and began a desperate ride for safety. The avalanche, with a roar, Huff declared, bore down toward him in the form of a moving wall of boulders, trees and earth, a hundred feet high. His frenzied horse, struck by flying splinters and stones, ran to higher ground at one side, and the big landslide missed him by only a few feet, he declared.

Once clear of the oncoming mountain Huff raced to his home nearby. He rushed his wife and daughter to a point of safety and then returned to save as many of his belongings as possible. Most of these he saved by working throughout the night, he reported. Huff said many of his cattle were killed, two ranches above his were wiped out and that the ranger station nearby will be submerged by the rising water. His home, which was in the bed of the suddenly formed reservoir, now is under many feet of water.

Despite the fear that has been expressed that another avalanche will descend upon the valley tourists and residents are flocking to the scene of the occurrence, and it already has gained fame as a sight of interest.

Ranchers, forest rangers and others who live near the fallen mountain, however, regard the possibilities more seriously, declaring that other parts of the mountain have been undermined by seepage from melted snow and that they may give away again because of the looseness of the earth in that place. Earth tremors have been felt twice in the last week.

When the huge reservoir formed by the avalanche has been filled by the river, it will have formed a lake six

6000 Cases Hooch, 23 Prisoners and 7 Ships Captured

MOBILE, Ala., June 25.—The British schooner Marion Adams and six motorboats have been seized in the Gulf of Mexico off Mobile by coast guard vessels, according to information received by federal authorities, together with 6000 cases of whiskey and 23 prisoners. The vessels, men and liquor are being towed to this port.

DEDICATE COPCO UNIT NUMBER 2 SUNDAY JULY 5

Gigantic Power Station Represents Investment of Over \$3,000,000, Capable of Generating 40,000 Horsepower—Provide Guides.

The big new hydro-electric development of the California Oregon Power company, known as Copco No. 2, will be officially dedicated to public service on Sunday, July 5th. Invitations to attend this auspicious event, which will be in the nature of a final inspection and dedication, will soon be mailed out, and all indications point to a record crowd from near and far. Tentative plans include a number of special features in addition to the dedication program and the tour of inspection which will take the visitors never the entire project.

This important new power development, which is located on the Klamath river only 16 miles from Hornbrook, will be the largest generating plant on the Copco system. The power house contains two generating units, each operating under a net head of 19 feet, and having a water wheel rating of 20,000 electrical horsepower, or a total of 40,000 horsepower in all. With the completion of this new project, the Copco generating system will consist of 11 different power plants with a total capacity of over 100,000 turbine horsepower.

The following is a brief description of the Copco No. 2 development, which represents an investment of more than three million dollars. The diversion dam, which is located just below the Copco No. 1 plant, will divert the waters of the Klamath river into a concrete-lined tunnel 16 feet in diameter and 2440 feet in length. From the end of this tunnel the water will enter a crosswood stage pipe 1318 feet long and 16 feet in diameter. This is the largest wood stage pipe in the world and will be a source of great interest to those who visit the project on July 5th. From this huge pipe the water will pass into a second tunnel 1105 feet long. Both of these tunnels are lined with concrete in a horseshoe section, the area of which is equivalent to a circle 16 feet in diameter. From the lower end of the second tunnel the water will be conducted through two steel penstocks, each 13 1/2 feet in diameter and nearly 400 feet in length to the power house below. In the power house, which is of structural steel construction, there will be found two vertical type generating units, each consisting of a 20,000 horsepower turbine and 15,000 kilowatt generator. After passing through the turbines the water is returned to the Klamath river by means of a tailrace 75 feet wide and 250 feet long. At this plant the surge chamber, which is located immediately above the outlet of the second tunnel, is excavated in the solid rock and is lined with concrete. It is about 40 feet in diameter and approximately 50 feet high.

The entire project is of extreme interest throughout and will no doubt prove a revelation to those who have never visited an extensive hydro-electric development of such magnitude. Members of the Copco organization will act as guides, and will personally conduct the visitors over the job. The roads leading into Copco are said to be in good condition and no difficulty is anticipated in caring for the unusually heavy travel which is expected in connection with the big event on July 5th.

WORLD WAR VETERAN TURNING TO STONE AS RESULT OF MUSTARD GAS

MAHA, Neb., June 25.—One of the strangest disabilities reported at the convention of Disabled American Veterans here is that of Peter Barich, 38 years old of Minneapolis, whose hands, feet and chin apparently are ossifying and have already lost much of their feeling.

Doctors have given his case up and he is listed as a "permanent total disability."

Barich's condition came from mustard gas entering open sores caused by freezing of his hands and feet and face. He stood guard 48 hours in a front trench with those members frozen and after sixteen days in a hospital, returned to the fight, was downed by a bullet in a charge and sufficed the gas dose. He has spent most of the time since in a hospital, and is now on leave from the Aberdeen hospital at Minneapolis.

SHEPHERD'S FATE RESTS WITH JURY

Germ Trial Ends With Renewed Demand for Death Penalty By States Attorney Crowe—Tactics of Defense Assailed—Judge Olson Is Defended.

CHICAGO, June 25.—(A. P.)—At the end of the first hour of its deliberation no word had come from the jury deciding the fate of William Darling Shepherd.

Judge Lynch caused the jurors to stand as he read his instructions. The court instructed the jury that if it had any doubt about whether Billy McClintock caught typhoid fever by eating oysters or because of the epidemic existing at the time of his death, that doubt should be resolved in Shepherd's favor.

He instructed that the jury should weigh the testimony of any witnesses and itself decide the proper measure of credence.

The jurors should not be influenced by talk of a will contest, but decide the case on its own merits.

The law requires that the prosecution prove its case rather than that the defense refute it.

A defendant cannot be forced to take the witness stand and if he does then his testimony should be weighed the same as that of any man.

Doubt enough to justify an acquittal should be reasonable.

To warrant a conviction upon circumstantial evidence alone, no theories to be proven should be left for the jury.

An acquittal would not mean the defendant was not guilty, said Judge Lynch, but that the state had failed to prove his guilt.

The four forms of possible verdict, 14 years to life, life imprisonment, the death penalty, or acquittal, concluded the charge after 30 minutes of reading.

CHICAGO, June 25.—(A. P.)—The Shepherd trial went to the jury at 4:37 p. m.

CHICAGO, June 25.—Denouncing William D. Shepherd as the perpetrator of a new species of murder who had slain his foster son, William McClintock, with typhoid germs to obtain McClintock's millionaire estate, District Attorney Robert E. Crowe today asked the jury to return a verdict of guilty that would carry a penalty of hanging.

Shepherd, Crowe charged, "was a shiftless pan-handler" who had been content to live sixteen years in plenty provided by another.

The prosecutor defended himself. Judge Harry Olson and Alexander Reichman against assertions of the defense counsel that the trial was simply a step in a vicious conspiracy against Shepherd to prevent his inheriting McClintock's estate. Crowe said the reason he placed Judge Olson on the witness stand was to give defense attorneys William Scott Stewart and W. W. O'Brien an opportunity to make good their statements that "we will show this case a frame-up; that Olson had a financial interest in it."

"What do you think of tactics of that sort," demanded Crowe as he stared at the accused and O'Brien. "You can often tell whether or not the defendant is guilty by the kind of defense he presents."

CHICAGO, June 25.—(A. P.)—An acquittal in his trial for the murder of Billy McClintock would not free William Darling Shepherd, it developed this afternoon.

Wesley Westbrook, warden of the Cook county jail, pointed out he held a mittimus for Shepherd issued after a coroner's jury had recommended he be held for the murder of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, mother of Billy, sixteen years ago.

Shepherd could be released from custody only upon arrangement for bail despite favorable action of the Billy McClintock murder case jury.

Perry Knotts of Gold Hill was among the business callers in the city from that district yesterday.

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