

The Weather

Prediction Generally cloudy
Maximum yesterday 93
Minimum today 53.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 92
Minimum 52

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year
Weekly—Fifty-fourth Year

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APPEAL TO COOLIDGE IN SCOTT CASE

President Asked to Aid in Effort to Save Russell Scott From Execution Tomorrow—Governor Small Refuses to Extend Reprieve Unless Guilty Brother Produced.

CHICAGO, July 22.—(A. P.)—Only the surrender and confession of Robert Scott can save his brother, Russell, from the noose, dangling ready for his execution on Friday morning.

Unless Robert returns, Governor Small has indicated there will be no further reprieve to snatch Russell from the gallows as he was saved last Friday.

Russell, from the death cell, watching the clock mark the passing of his remaining hours of life, bases his only hope on his brother.

The return of the brother also is the objective of the frenzied efforts of Scott's relatives and friends. Robert's whereabouts are unknown. He was indicted with Russell for the murder of Joseph Maurer, a drug clerk, in a holdup, but never apprehended. A message signed with his name, which reached Governor Small last Thursday and caused a week's delay in the execution was thought to be a hoax.

Radio appeals to Robert will be made by Scott's wife, and by his aged father. They will augment wire pleas sent by the family to President Coolidge urging the executive to ask the governor for leniency.

A nation-wide campaign to find the missing brother is planned by a Detroit newspaper which has asked that Russell be given a long reprieve while the search is made. Detroit club women also raised a fund of \$3,500 to be used in retaining expert legal talent to make a last desperate effort to frustrate the hanging. Clarence S. Darrow, defender of Loeb and Leopold, said he could not serve but that he had telegraphed Small asking clemency.

Miss Dorothy Newberg, who several years ago sued Scott for breach of promise came out in his defense and was reported en route to Chicago from Chelsea, Miss., to aid him.

DETROIT, Mich., July 22.—(A. P.)—A group of Detroit club women and Miss Maude Gauthier of Sandwich, Ont., today forwarded to Chicago \$5,000, the result of their efforts to obtain the best legal services possible in a last hour effort to save Russell T. Scott, condemned man from the gallows. The committee also announced that arrangements are being made to rush an emissary to Swampscott, Mass., to call upon President Coolidge, armed with letters from Governor Alex J. Groesbeck, Mayor John W. Smith of Detroit, and former ambassador to Charles B. Warren, former ambassador to Japan and Mexico.

DIVORCE ACTION LASTING 30 YRS. ENDED AT LAST

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., July 22.—(A. P.)—Jonathan T. Meeker, loser in New Jersey's longest divorce litigation, lasting thirty years, has been ordered released from the Middlesex county jail where he has spent nearly three years for failure to pay alimony.

The Meekers were married in 1888 and began litigation in 1892. Several suits by one of the other were dismissed or denied before Mrs. Meeker was awarded a decree in 1922. In November of that year, Meeker was jailed when the \$12 weekly alimony he was ordered to pay was \$400 in arrears.

Meeker's petition for freedom was seconded by the Middlesex county solicitor who asserted that the county no longer wished to support him. Anna G. Lines of Riverdale, his former wife, opposed the release.

BAPTISTS PRAY FOR CONVERSION OF DARROW TO CHRISTIAN FAITH

MANDEVILLE, La., July 22.—(A. P.)—Prayers for the conversion to Christianity of Clarence Darrow, a defense attorney in the John T. Scopes trial, which ended yesterday in Dayton, Tenn., was offered last night at the state assembly of the Baptist Young People's union here.

Cigarettes Fatal to Women's Beauty Hasten Old Age

CHICAGO, July 22.—(A. P.)—Cigarettes may not affect a woman's morals, but they'll kill her beauty, advises Mrs. Ruth Maurer, president of the American Cosmetics Society. "I have no personal objections to cigarette smoking, but it has been proved that the woman who smokes soon finds sloping lines at the corners of her mouth—downward curves that will make deep lines and ruin a happy expression in old age," she said.

BABY SLAYER IS SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IN AUBURN

NEW YORK, July 22.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Helen Auguste Gelsen-Volk, proprietress of an East 86th street home for infants, today was sentenced to three and a half to seven years in Auburn prison on a charge of baby substitution, to which she had pleaded guilty.

A probation officer's report submitted to the court before sentencing was pronounced characterized her as a "woman without conscience, who had strangled, frozen to death and otherwise disposed of infants left in her care."

The report said since February 1918, at least 53 infants had died while in Mrs. Gelsen-Volk's charge. It alleged that she treated children in any way if it meant financial benefit to herself, that she destroyed children for a consideration and non-paying babies because they were liabilities.

"She had no maternal affections, at least with respect to the babies of other people," the report said. "To her they were puppies, articles of merchandise, to be bartered or exchanged."

Mrs. Gelsen-Volk was arrested last May when she attempted to give a strange baby to William Angerer, a steamfitter's assistant, in place of the seven-month old son he had placed in her care.

Judge McIntyre asked her in court today what she did with the missing baby and the reply was "It died and I left it in a hallway in a satchel."

"Why did you do that?" asked the judge.

"Because one of the relatives of the baby asked me to," was the reply.

STOWAWAY ON ROSE CITY CUTS THROAT

PORTLAND, Ore., July 22.—(A. P.)—A radio message today reported that A. F. St. George of Cambridge, Mass., cut his throat after being discovered as a stowaway on board the steamer Rose City last night. The message said the wound was sewed up immediately and the man is resting well.

Captain T. J. MacGoon, of the Rose City, who sent the message, expressed the belief that St. George was a deserter from the Mare Island navy yard. The message added that St. George had said that he had had trouble in the Philippine islands and that later someone at the navy yard at Mare Island had him under a hypnotic spell. St. George said he belonged to the submarine No. 18. He was wearing a navy uniform when found.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE RAGING IN DETROIT

DETROIT, Mich., July 22.—(A. P.)—A million dollar fire was raging in the Gladstone-Linwood avenue section this afternoon and whipped by a high wind was beyond control of firemen at 3:30 p. m. Seven buildings, five of which are apartment houses, were in flames and 200 families had been driven to the streets.

HARD TO GET JURY IN MARY PICKFORD CASE

LOS ANGELES, July 22.—Defense attorneys for three men on trial here today for alleged plotting to kidnap Mary Pickford, film star, were trying to find prospective jurors who had not heard of the screen actress or her husband, Douglas Fairbanks. It was until noon their search was fruitless.

DUEL TO DEATH MAY DEVELOP AS CRIME MYSTERY

Investigation of Strange Tragedy in California, Leads to Suspicion That Honolulu Man Was Bound, Gagged and Murdered.

BRAWLEY, Cal., July 22.—(A. P.)—Indications that H. Kirk, former Honolulu photographer was murdered with his hands tied, not shot in a duel and that rivalry over the affections of a woman may have prompted his slaying and the suicide of John Truden, whose body was found at Jacumba last Monday, were being scrutinized by police and sheriff's investigators today.

A letter written by Truden before he killed himself told of a duel at 12 paces with .38 caliber revolvers, "purchased for the purpose in San Diego," and explained that since he had been victorious in the exchange of bullets with Kirk, his enemy for six years, it devolved upon him to write him to the feud by putting a bullet through his own brain.

Late yesterday, however, the city marshal of Imperial found a knotted silk stocking, a knotted necktie and an army belt, all bloodstained, concealed near the spot where Kirk's body was found. Wrecks of hair resembling Kirk's clug to the stocking and necktie, which apparently had been cut from the body of one who had been gagged with the stocking while his hands were tied with the necktie and his feet bound together with the belt. The officers said he was satisfied Kirk met death bound and gagged.

In the Honolulu man's coat was found a letter from a woman in that city dealing at some length with a past love affair with Kirk and containing the sentence: "Our affair can go on no longer."

Truden was a former army man but whether he was ever stationed in Honolulu or ever lived there as a civilian had not been determined early today.

Kirk, it was learned, had packed his belongings and made arrangements to leave for Honolulu a few hours before death cancelled his plans.

COOLIDGE ECONOMY PROGRAM ASSAILED BY LODGE LEADER

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(A. P.)—Declaring there was danger that the American government might impair its efficiency in the enforcement of President Coolidge's economy program, A. W. Frye, supreme commander of the Maccabees told the organization today that what the people were interested in was elimination of the pork barrel.

"We are all behind the president in his program of business administration of national finances," he said, "but when economy is practiced to the extent of parsimony, it defeats its own ends."

He added that there seemed to be a general belief on the part of "politicians and statesmen" that the people object to paying taxes and that the appeal to the "pocketbook" was heard on every side.

"The average man," he said, "does not want to pay any more taxes than necessary to properly maintain our government, but he is willing and eager to pay enough to promote our national progress and assure our national safety."

After referring to technical workers leaving the government service as a result of the salaries issue and the question of the defense of Hawaii, Mr. Frye added:

"It is fine to save the taxpayers money but we, the taxpayers, don't want our national honor jeopardized for the sake of a few dollars. We can't place the dollar, as mighty as it is, ahead of the flag."

COL. RAY'S ESTATE NEARLY MILLION

NEW YORK, July 22.—(Special.)—The schedule of assets of the estate of Col. Frank H. Ray of Huntington and New York City, who died April 11th last, was filed recently in probate court, and shows a gross value of \$2,502,268.47, with debts and administration expenses of \$1,540,832.92, leaving a net estate of \$961,435.55, to be divided among the heirs, including Charles R. Ray of Medford, Oregon, who by the terms of the will is left a one-third interest.

Colonel Ray was well known in this city and valley, and formerly was a yearly visitor. His brother, C. R. Ray, is a resident of this city, and returned recently from New York, where he was called by the last illness of his kin. According to the above message, Dr. Ray apparently will receive slightly over \$300,000 as his share of the estate.

Prince's Hostess in South Africa



Lady Graaf, wife of Sir David Graaf, former high commissioner for South Africa in London, was hostess of the Prince of Wales during his stay in Capetown.

PENDELTON GIRL FINDS PARENTS SHE LOST IN 1910

Mrs. Clarence McNeill, After 15 Year Search, Finds Parents in Quincy, Illinois—Was Adopted By Family in Portland, Oregon.

QUINCY, Ill., July 22.—(A. P.)—A fifteen year search for her parents was ended yesterday when Mrs. Clarence McNeill, of Denver, arrived here and embraced Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heck of this city.

Mrs. McNeill said that when she was a girl of nine and living in Pendleton, Ore., among her neighbors was a childless couple named Gardner, who became very much attached to her. They induced her parents to allow her to remain with them for a time, after which the Hecks took her back home. The Gardners, she said, offered her parents inducements to allow them legally to adopt the child, but they refused.

Mrs. McNeill said that the Gardners then moved to Portland, and in a short time a strange man came for her and took her to the Gardners. It was the last she saw of her parents until she met them here today. The Gardners treated her as their own daughter and sent her to a private school, at all times endeavoring to impress upon her that she was all a daughter could be to them and asking her to forget her parents.

Some years ago the Gardners died, within a short time of each other, and Mrs. McNeill began the search for her parents. A short time ago she learned from a distant relative there was a family by the name of Heck living in Quincy, and she wrote to this city. Facts contained in the reply left no doubt in her mind that she had at last found her parents. Yesterday she came here and the identification was completed.

DEATH CALLS TRUCE IN COAST RUM WAR

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 22.—(A. P.)—A seaman, slowly dying in his bunk on the rum schooner J. Henry McKenzie, 45 miles out at sea, was the cause of a short truce between coast guards and rum runners yesterday. Word of the desperate plight of the seaman reached friends ashore who relayed the information to Captain Randolph Ridgely of the "dry navy."

The latter, learning that the story was not a mere sea yarn, dispatched a cutter which returned to port bearing the stricken sailor. He was turned over to friends who have promised to look after him.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, July 22.—The closing was heavy. Concentrated selling of American Can, U. S. Steel, DuPont, General Electric and other market leaders continued in the final hour, with losses of one to two points scattered through the industrial list. American Radiator, Continental Can and Foundation company, however, were among the industrial strong spots.

BRYAN REFUSES TO DEBATE BUT WILL LECTURE

Great Commoner Declines to Meet Darrow and Have Christianity Sneered at and Slurred—Will Talk and Not Charge Admission.

DAYTON, Tenn., July 22.—(A. P.)—William Jennings Bryan in a statement issued here early today announced that he would not consider a debate on any subject with any person.

He made the announcement, he said, "in order to save myself from answering numerous letters."

"I have no time for such meetings," the statement continued. "I have suspended my lecturing and I have literary work that demands attention."

"Recently some of my invitations have mentioned Mr. Darrow as my opponent," he said. "I have had a number of invitations from atheists and agnostics."

"The attitude of the atheist or the agnostic is so completely antagonistic to the attitude of a believer in Bible Christianity that we are not likely to convert each other and less likely to convert members of the audience."

"Moreover, having heard Mr. Darrow, I am not at all disposed to invite Christians to come to a meeting where they would hear their religion slurred and sneered at. He has freedom of speech and can draw crowds of his own."

"I shall leave him, therefore, to arrange for his own meetings and I shall speak wherever I do speak, for the presentation of our side to those who care to listen. The religious question is so acute that I shall neither receive compensation nor allow admission to be charged when I defend the Christian faith."

PREDICTS HAWAII WILL PUSH UP AND BECOME BIG LAND

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(A. P.)—A prediction that Uncle Sam will be presented by mother nature with a fair-sized continent in the mid-Pacific was added today to the profusion of discussion and conjecture that has followed recent seismic disturbances.

Edwin Fairfax Nauty, of New York, who has studied earth movements for many years, said he was convinced that the Hawaiian island gradually and quietly were being pushed upward and within a generation would comprise a high and dry territory as large as Japan.

Only the peaks of a great range now arise above the surface of the sea at Hawaii, he said, but a constant "squeezing" process at work in the bed of the Pacific may be expected to push those peaks constantly upward. He added that all the signs pointed to a gradual rise over a period of years, partially accompanied by serious earth shocks.

WANTS "ONLY 60 OR 70 THOUSAND DOLLARS" FROM POSTMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, July 22.—A resident of Tomahawk, Wis., has written Postmaster General New: "I read in the newspapers that thousands of dollars are found in the dead letters. I'm just thinking as the owners of a large number are unknown, I trust that it is God's will that I could have a small part of this—only sixty or seventy thousand dollars. I surely thank you unspcakably for the kind favor by sending me a bank draft within ten days. May the dear Lord bless us more and more at all times."

U. S. Aviators Will Hop Off Tomorrow For War in Africa

PARIS, July 22.—(A. P.)—The first group of American aviators to volunteer for French aviation under the Sultan of Morocco against Abd-El-Krim's rebellious Riflan tribesmen, will leave Paris at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon for Toulouse from which point they will go to Morocco by air. The unit which numbers seven men, will be under the command of Colonel Charles Sweeney.

MONKEY ACTION FILED AGAINST UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(A. P.)—Treasury officials were ordered by a local court today to show cause why the salaries of school officers here should not be withheld because of the teaching of scientific doctrines alleged to reflect on the Bible.

The defendants are Frank White, treasurer of the United States; James R. Lusby, disbursing officer of the District of Columbia and Daniel J. Donovan, auditor of the District of Columbia. They were obtained by the District of Columbia supreme court on the petition of Loren H. Wittner, a taxpayer, to appear and show cause on July 28.

The suit brought by Wittner was based on a provision in the last District of Columbia appropriation bill. In that bill, said Wittner's petition, congress provided that no part of the money appropriated should be used to pay the salary of "any superintendent... who permits the teaching of... or any teacher who teaches... disrespect for the Holy Bible."

Under that provision, it is sought to stop the pay of Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of schools in Washington and W. P. Hays, head of the department of biology and chemistry. A list of examples is given by Wittner in his petition as instances in which Hays taught and Ballou permitted him to teach, things described as conflicting directly with statements made in the Bible.

After going into detail as to the contents of approved text books, including G. W. Hunter's biology which was cited in the Dayton, Tenn., trial and the teachings of chemistry, biology, astronomy and other scientific subjects, Wittner set forth that these taken literally, conflicted with scriptural text which he quoted as setting forth:

"That man was created from the dust in one day and that woman was made from the rib of Adam."

"That the dead body of every human being that ever lived will be resurrected alive on judgment day."

"That the first man fell because the first woman believed what a snake said about eating forbidden fruit."

"That Jesus Christ arose bodily from the dead when no blood was left in his veins."

"That God made all the dust of Egypt turn to lice as a punishment for the hard-heartedness of an Egyptian king."

"That God turned every drop of water in all Egypt into blood to punish the Egyptian king."

"That Jesus turned water into wine."

"That God turned Lot's wife into a pillar of salt."

"That the earth is flat and on a foundation."

"That when Joshua commanded, the sun moon and stars stood still."

The appropriation bill provision cited was inserted by Representative Summers, republican, Washington, at the last session of congress and occasioned no debate.

Two other provisions in the rider—against teaching partisan politics and a statement that the American government is an inferior form of government—became the subject of some debate with Representative Crampton, republican, Michigan, in charge of the bill, seeking to have the rider thrown out.

Plenty of Refrigerator Cars. SPOKANE, July 22.—There will be plenty of refrigerator cars for shipment of apples from the Pacific northwest this year. E. A. Brownson of the Western Fruit Express said here today. He said cars are being repaired at the shops at the rate of 25 a day. With affiliated concerns in the east and south, the Western Fruit Express controls about 28,000 refrigerator cars, Mr. Brownson declared.

GOV. PIERCE NAMES NEW FISH COM'R

State Executive Chalks Up New Development in Fish Controversy By Naming Bay City Man to Take Place of Senator Beals, Forced Out By Ruling.

SALEM, Ore., July 22.—Governor Pierce chalked up a new development in the state fish commission controversy that has been stirring Oregon politics for the past several months this morning, when he announced the appointment of J. S. Hayes, of Bay City, to succeed Senator A. C. Beals of Tillamook, resigned.

The governor's announcement was the first intimation of the action to be taken by Senator Beals in accordance with the opinion handed down last week by Attorney General Van Winkle that Beals could not hold the offices of state senator and fish commissioner at the same time.

By reason of the same opinion the appointment of Senator Sam B. Garland of Linn county, also is void. Senator Garland has announced that he will relinquish his seat on the commission, but the name of his successor will not be given out until the governor and Garland have had an opportunity to confer.

Senators Beals and Garland were appointed to the fish commission as the result of an agreement between themselves and Senator B. L. Eddy of Douglas county, on one hand, and the governor on the other, during the last session of the legislature, whereby the three senators were to select the appointees to the fish commission. At a post session conference here the senators were unable to agree upon appointees outside their own number and Garland and Beals agreed to accept the appointments themselves.

Senator Garland confirmed the events leading up to the appointments in explaining his acceptance of the appointment.

MAKE NO CHANGE NAVAL POLICY ON COAST SAYS SECY

SALEM, Ore., July 22.—Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, during a two-day stop here today, requested his associated Press to emphasize the statement that no change is being in the naval policy relative to the Pacific fleet. Although the Pacific fleet is now en route to Australia, that voyage, he made plain, does not indicate a change of policy.

"If I gave the impression in Portland," he said, "that any change is pending, I am very sorry. The eleven capital ships now in Pacific waters will continue in the Pacific as they have for some years, and the bases will be San Pedro, San Diego, San Francisco and Puget Sound as they are now."

"The midshipman squadron, composed of the New York, Arkansas and Utah, now at Astoria, will return to the Atlantic and immediately go to navy yards for modernization."

ADVENTIST CHURCH BURNS TO GROUND

The Seventh Day Adventist church on North Riverside caught fire this afternoon and burned to the ground. The Smedley home, nearby, was also burned, but at press time the flames, which spread to other dwellings, were reported under control.