

The Weather  
Prediction Fair and continued  
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Maximum yesterday 96.5  
Minimum today 51

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago  
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## CINDERILLA MAY WAKE UP IN JAIL

### N. Y. Authorities Take Action to Annul Adoption of Mary Spas, While Girl Admits She Is Former Movie Star— Parents Not Poor—Claim Age Given False.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—An investigation by the district attorney of Queens county into the adoption of Mary Louise Spas, young daughter of immigrant parents, by Edward W. Browning, wealthy divorced realtor, was sought today by Commissioner of Public Welfare Coler.

The commissioner said the investigation was prompted by charges that Browning had given money to Mary's parents in return for their signing the adoption papers. He added, however, that it was a violation of long established precedent for a divorced man to be permitted to adopt a child in this city.

"It is the most unusual transaction that has ever come to my notice," Mr. Coler said. "Somewhere in the laws of this country there must be a statute that a parent cannot sell a child. If there is not such a law, we will make one."

The adoption did not pass through his office, the commissioner explained, since Mary Louise was not a "dependent child."

"We do not allow the adoption of children by foster parents of a different faith," he added, "and we never allow divorced persons to adopt children who are under our surveillance."

Informed of Commissioner Coler's action, Browning said he had given \$500 each to Mary's father and mother as the girl's "trousseau."

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—Mary Spas Browning's dreams are beginning to come true. Whatever doubts and self-pinchings she may have indulged in when the millionaire realtor, Edward Browning, pictured her for a life of ease as his third adopted daughter, the little Bohemian girl was convinced today.

## Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Famous Publisher, Taken Ill at Sea

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Arrangements were made today by the Holland-American line to transfer Cyrus H. K. Curtis, the publisher, to his private yacht when the Rotterdam on a European trip, reaches Hoboken.

## STATES EFFORT TO PROVE SCOTT SANE IS ENDED

### Ex-Millionaire's Fate to Be Decided By Jury, Probably Tomorrow—No Appeal From Verdict—State Alienists Ridicule Insanity.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—The jury which is to decide whether Russell Scott is sane and will hang or is insane and will be confined in an asylum, received the case and began its deliberations at 4:27 o'clock.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—The state today concluded its effort to prove Russell Scott sane. Dr. William O. Krohn, the last prosecution alienist, told of his examination of Scott and his conclusion that the prisoner was sane. He repeated stories of the four previous state alienists that Scott "seemed" to submit to an examination in the jail.

There is no appeal for Russell Scott from the verdict of the jury testing whether he is sane and should be hanged or is not mentally cognizant of the death penalty he faces.

If the jury decides he is sane enough to realize, Judge Joseph B. David will fix a new date for the execution, from which Scott has twice been snatched a few hours before the death march.

Incarceration at once in a state institution would follow an insanity finding.

All the prosecution witnesses, experts and laymen, believed Scott sane, just as the 14 defense witnesses thought confinement and two death watch ordeals had affected his mind.

Jailers related conversations with Scott and described his actions in the death cell. Four alienists, three of whom said they expected fees of \$100 a day, concluded Scott was sane after a 15 minute observation in which he was an unwilling subject.

## Modern "Lewis and Clark Expedition" Nears Goal



A modern "Lewis and Clark expedition" has passed the half walk mark in its journey across the United States from Astoria, Ore., to New York, entirely by water. The map shows the route of the voyagers who are (l to r.) Frank Wilton, motion picture cameraman; Val Woodbury, Los Angeles businessman, and John Edwin Hogg, leader. The photo shows their craft, the "Transcontinental" in the Mississippi river.

## ELKS LODGE AT EUGENE ROBBED; SAFE IS BLOWN

EUGENE, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—Yegmen, presumably professionals at the game, early this morning let themselves into the Eugene Elks' temple through a skylight and blew open the lodge safe.

The cash register at the candy counter and cigar stand was also broken open, and about \$5 in cash taken. Two empty bottles at the bar showed that the yegmen had evidently helped themselves to some of the Elks' soft drinks.

The handle to the safe, and the combination, were knocked off with a hammer stolen from the Southern Pacific yards here. The safe blowers then inserted their blasting material according to the evidence, and muffled it. No one heard the blast.

The Elks' temple is closed each night, night at 11:15 o'clock and is opened in the morning at 6:30. The robbery was not discovered until the opening hour this morning.

## Death Toll of the Automobile

EL PASO, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—Automobile accidents took a toll of four lives in this region last night. Mrs. Rita Hyatt and her two daughters, Catherine and Georgia, were killed when a Santa Fe train struck an automobile near Deming, N. M.

Juan Perez, five, was killed when he ran in front of an automobile in El Paso.

SEATTLE, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—A coroner's jury here today recommended that the prosecuting attorney investigate the death of Thomas H. Young, whom an automobile driven by Floyd T. Perrin killed. Perrin testified that his lights reached 50 feet. State law requires 150 feet.

## OFFER REWARD FOR ARREST OF DR. SCHWARTZ

### California Sheriff Offers \$100 and Asks Governor to Offer \$1000 More for Arrest of Martinez Professor, Ac- cused of Murdering Man.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—A personal reward of \$100 which he will ask Governor Richardson to increase by \$1000 for the arrest of Charles Henry Schwartz, was announced here today by Sheriff R. R. Veale. Schwartz was at first believed to have perished in an explosion at the plant of the Pacific Cellulose company at Walnut Creek, but investigation of the police has convinced them that Schwartz is not dead but a fugitive and that the body found in the laboratory is that of someone who was slain and placed there to defraud insurance companies out of insurance of more than \$100,000.

The tracing out of many clues in an effort to identify the body has yielded no tangible results. After Joe Rodriguez, Portuguese laborer, returned to Walnut Creek, furnishing unimpeachable proof that the person believed to have been murdered was not he, the authorities have tentatively accepted various identifications ranging from a New York "tramp" to an unknown member of a southern California religious cult, only to find the clue disproved and the identification false in each case.

Mrs. Schwartz, wife of the chemist, is preparing, her attorney said, to start legal action against the insurance companies to force payment of policies carried by Schwartz. She is satisfied that the dead man is her husband.

District Attorney A. B. Tinning stated after conference with representatives of insurance companies today that the companies would not offer a reward for the apprehension of Schwartz, being unfavorably disposed to such a procedure as a matter of business principle.

Letters left last November by Schwartz to be opened in the event of his death are said to have expressed the wish that his three children be educated in England.

## Daily Report on the Crime Wave

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—Ollie Berndt, 63, secretary-treasurer of the Linday Light company, was shot and killed today by Joseph Pucbe, 45, a porter, as he entered the company's offices today. The cause was not learned.

Berndt was the father of three children and had been with the company for 15 years.

## PICKFORD CASE ONLY PUBLICITY STUNT IS CLAIM

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—Further testimony that Louis Geck, a police informer, was the first to mention a plot to kidnap moving picture celebrities and later deserted the alleged gang to assist police, was offered here today where three men are on trial, charged with plotting to kidnap Mary Pickford, screen star.

C. Z. Stephens, one of the defendants on the stand in his own defense, stated that Geck sought him out early in 1923 and suggested kidnaping a daughter of Carl Laemmle, a picture producer, as a means of making "easy money."

Stephens said at that time Geck said he was "broke, out of employment and ready for anything."

The defense and prosecution frequently engaged in legal wrangles during the morning session, but the former held their ground on the contention that "we intend to show by the alleged conspiracy is an entrapment to further a publicity scheme on the part of Detectives George K. Home and Harry Raymond, to reflect glory on themselves."

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—Further testimony in support of the defense contention that the whole Mary Pickford kidnaping case was nothing but a publicity scheme was scheduled for presentation at today's session of the trial of Charles Stephens, Claude Holcomb and Adrian Wood on charges of plotting to carry off the film star and hold her for \$200,000 ransom.

In outlining its publicity plot attack in an opening statement yesterday, however, the defense made it clear that Mary Pickford was not involved as a publicity plotter.

The men who plotted for prominent mention in the news of the day, defense counsel explained, were George Holcomb, former chief of detectives in the Los Angeles police department, and Harry Raymond, a private detective, who planned the kidnaping case "for the purpose of reflecting glory on themselves," and selected Mary Pickford because of the publicity value of her name.

## Astoria, Oregon, Boat Reaches Peoria On Trip 'Cross Country

PEORIA, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—Three men making a trip in an 18-foot motor boat from Astoria, Ore., to New York, over the route taken by Lewis and Clark in 1805, are expected to land at Peoria this afternoon on their way up the Illinois river.

## GOVERNMENT TO MARK HIGHWAYS FOR U.S. TOURIST

### 50,000 Miles to Be Placarded for Motor Travel—Pacific Highway, Klamath-Ashland, and Grants Pass-Crescent City Roads Are Included.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—An index of highways for tourists in valley sections and byways of the country will be afforded in the marking of the vast system of United States highways as selected by the joint committee of interstate highways.

A network of roads stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian border to the gulf embraced in the fifty thousand miles of highways to be designated with uniform markers to tell the motorist what road he is on and where it will take him.

In carrying out his work to this point, the joint board has left to a sub-committee the actual grouping of the selected roads into main arterial highways.

The Pacific highway beginning at Blaine, Wash., on the Canadian border, to Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Vancouver, Portland, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Redding, Davis, Sacramento, Stockton, Manteca, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Riverside and El Centro.

Other roads in California to be incorporated are those from Crescent City to Grants Pass, Ore.; San Jose to Haywards to Manteca; San Diego to El Centro; Holtville to the Arizona line in the direction of Yuma; Riverside to Barstow to the Nevada line; San Francisco to Davis; Sacramento, Truckee by way of Donner pass to the Nevada border in the direction of Reno.

Another road to be included in Oregon runs from Portland along the Columbia river to its mouth. Others extend from Portland to The Dalles and continue along the Columbia river into Washington to Wallula, from The Dalles to Redmond; Klamath Falls to Ashland; from Redmond either passing through or near Mitchell, on the border; from Umatilla to LaGrande to Ontario.

## Casualties of the Air Service

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—Lieutenant James F. Tilton of Pershing, Indiana, was killed this afternoon and Lieutenant Leo La Burch of Perryville, Indiana, was seriously injured when their airplane crashed three and one-half miles northeast of Osborne, near Wilbur Wright field.

Ford Sale Is Authorized  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—The shipping board authorized the sale to Henry Ford today of seven ocean-going tugs for \$42,500 each.

## FOREST FIRE SITUATION IS SERIOUS

### Extreme Dryness and High Winds Result in Spread of Forest Fires in Oregon and Washington—Orchards Are Destroyed—Bad Fire at Sil- ver Falls.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6.—With extremely dry weather and high winds in several districts, several new forest fires in Oregon and Washington have broken out and several which fighters had hoped to control several days ago are assuming dangerous proportions, according to reports received by the forest service and the Oregon Fire Relief association.

In Clatsop county, Washington, fire did about \$15,000 damage to buildings and equipment of the Bashford Lumber company and is said to be endangering Amboy. Another fire in the Lake Shore district threatened orchards, but is believed to be under control today. The Tum Tum Tie & Timber company has reported a severe slashing fire which is endangering fine green timber.

In Columbia county a fire on Rock creek, above Vernonia, broke fire lines a little yesterday. It has burned over about 2000 acres of logged-over land and old burns. Private companies have about 200 men on the fire.

Three small fires were reported Wednesday near Seapoopee. The situation at the two Wind River, Wash., fires and the blaze on Cedar swamp creek in the Mount Hood forest were unchanged.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 6.—Fire in the Tar Heel district, west of here, last night on property belonging to the city of Marshfield, was under control today. The blaze was principally in slashings. Fire Warden Walsh has 36 volunteer firemen throwing lines around the fire and cutting brush. It has been burning 36 hours.

Second Fire Breaks Out.  
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 6.—With the fire which has been destroying timber of the Silver Falls Timber company, near Silver Creek, reported under control, another bad fire has broken out in the timber at Bridge creek, near the Silver Falls school house on the logging road of the Silver Falls company. The fire was started by a spark from an engine on the logging road.

In addition bad fires have broken out in the Silver Falls Timber company's holdings above Mehama, having appeared in three different places, according to reports, and now was under control, according to last advice. Just how extensive the damage from these fires is has not been learned.

Officers of the Silver Falls Timber company announce they have undertaken the extensive job of trenching around their complete holdings to keep the fires within check if possible. The logging crews of the company are all still working fighting fires.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 6.—The orchard and home of John Bieble of Peshastin was destroyed by fire late yesterday. It was reported today. The residence, packing shed and stable and other buildings were burned. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 with about \$5000 insurance.

About fifty 20-year-old apple trees were destroyed.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 6.—Fires, which were raging yesterday in the neighborhood of Silver Creek were under control today so far as holdings of standing timber were concerned. It was reported this afternoon by officials of the Silver Falls Timber company and the Silverton Lumber company, in whose holdings the fires have been burning. The flames, which started at the Silver Falls timber company's camp 11, located some 30 miles southeast of Silverton, doing considerable damage there, had today burned their way south into some slashings owned by the Silverton Lumber company, and situated just above Mehama. The same ground where the fire was burning this afternoon was burned over last year, and is not considered to have any great value so far as the timber is concerned.

## AMERICAN EAGLES EXONERATED ON CHARGE OF KILLING OHIO CHICKENS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—The famous pair of American eagles at Vermillion, Ohio, charged by farmers in the neighborhood with killing chickens and turkeys, was exonerated today in the report of United States Game Warden John H. Lindsay to D. O. Thompson, chief of the Ohio fish and game division who had ordered the charges investigated.

Several of the farmers had demanded that the birds be killed. John M. Miller, former internal revenue officer who accompanied Lindsay on the investigation, said that "while the charges were not absolutely unfounded, they were greatly exaggerated."

## PORTLAND TENNIS CHAMPIONS LOSE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6.—(A. P.)—One of the big upsets in the men's doubles of the Oregon state tennis championship occurred today when Dr. C. H. Hanlove of Portland and Dr. E. P. Steinmetz of Portland, defeated Portland's double champions Harry Gray and Dr. J. B. Bildersack, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Manlove and Steinmetz advanced to the semi-final round and will meet Herbert Suhr and Stanley Alquist of San Francisco.

## Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The closing was irregular. Offerings increased in volume in the late trading on unconfirmed rumors of an increase in the New York federal reserve bank's rate after the close and many issues fell back one to three points from their early high levels. Sustained strength was shown, however, by Mack Trucks, Havana Electric and Frank G. Shattuck.

Stock prices developed another outburst of strength at the opening of today's market but moved irregularly lower later on selling inspired by commission house activities. Motors and oil were reactionary on unfavorable trade reports. Total sales approximately 1,500,000 shares.

## ESKIMOS KEPT ON THE JUMP BY STRANGE ANTICS OF U. S. PLANES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (A. P.)—The American aviators who are making the Arctic expedition are fraying the nerves of the Eskimos.

On every test flight the greatest apprehension is felt by the natives on the ground, who are unable to comprehend why the planes do not fall and who look for disaster every minute.

## Department described yesterday's activities of the expedition at Etah, Greenland. He told of the forced landing of one of the planes which apparently was accomplished without damage.

"Performance of plane loaded and the maximum total weight with which the plane could take off water was 5500 pounds," he said. "That includes deadweight of plane and engine of 2600 pounds. Performance of plane in air with the load was excellent."