

The Weather
Prediction—Fair and continued
warm
Maximum yesterday 98
Minimum today 56.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 88
Minimum 49

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MURDERER WINS ON PLEA OF INSANITY

CELL SHOCK SAVES SCOTT FROM CHAIR

Ex-Canadian Financier After Dramatic Struggle, Cheats Gallows By Insanity Plea—Jury Out Nearly Four Hours—Relatives Rejoice While Father Slain Youth Mourns.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—(A. P.)—Russell Scott, saved from the gallows by a jury's verdict last night finding him insane, today in his cell declared he was sane.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—(A. P.)—In an insane asylum instead of on the gallows, Russell Scott, erstwhile Canadian financier, will expiate the murder of a drug clerk in a holdup.

Five times since Joseph Maurer was killed in a drug store opposite the city hall in April, 1924, Scott has faced death. Within the last three weeks, a few hours before the death march, Scott was saved once by a week's reprieve and again by a stay of execution issued at two o'clock in the morning by Judge Joseph David on a petition declaring him insane.

Had he been found sane, Judge David would have imposed a death sentence once more. Even in the asylum Scott faces death on the gallows should he ever be found to have regained his sanity.

Warned against a demonstration, spectators and principals listened to the verdict with a dramatic silence. Scott's eyes never left the slip of paper the jury foreman passed to a bailiff who gave it to the clerk. His mouth twitched and he flinched. He was hurried away by guards. His relatives heard the verdict with expressions of emotion. His wife, Catherine, whose untiring efforts brought funds for his defense from the family penniless, leaned forward in attitude of prayer. His mother wept and his aged and crippled father, Thomas, on whose sixty-third birthday Scott was sentenced, stayed close to his son.

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7th of Water Power in United States On Columbia River

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(A. P.)—The geological survey has decided that about a seventh of the potential water power in the United States is to be found along the Columbia river, exclusive of the very large power resources of its tributaries.

MAN STABBED IN FIGHT OVER GIRL AT LOCAL CAFE

F. K. Lightfoot of Weed, California, in Serious Condition As Result of Fight Jewell Cafe On Front Street, Last Night.

F. K. Lightfoot, 30, of Weed, Cal., lies seriously wounded at the Sacred Heart hospital as the result of being stabbed by Jack Phillips, 24, a local laborer, at 11:40 last night in the Jewell cafe, a front street establishment, during a fight over a young woman named Edith Maxey, an employe of the cafe. Immediately after the stabbing affray Phillips disappeared, but the police and sheriff's staff are searching for him.

According to local police, Lightfoot recently came to the city from Weed, where he had kept company with Miss Maxey, who has been in Medford for several weeks. During the time she has been in the city she was much in the company of Phillips, and when Lightfoot became aware of the fact he became jealous, it is believed.

Last night Phillips and Miss Maxey attended a moving picture show. This so enraged Lightfoot that he waited in the cafe for their arrival, and after a few words with Phillips on their return, he attacked the latter. Phillips, it is said, picked up a sharp instrument, which Dr. R. J. Conroy, the attending physician, thought was an ice pick or knife, and stabbed Lightfoot in the abdomen beneath the right ribs, in the wrist and on the leg.

When Phillips fled from the scene of the affray he was clad in blue trousers and a khaki shirt. It is believed that he had roomed at some local rooming house, but which one it is not known.

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CINDERELLA SORRY SHE LEFT HOME

Jewels and Laces Do Not Make Up for Troubles As Ward of Millionaire—Denies Engagement to Plumber's Helper—Another Cinderella Entertained By Browning.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (A. P.)—Mrs. Anna St. John of Rye, N. Y., foster mother of Dorothy Sunshine Browning, adopted six years ago by Edward W. Browning, wealthy real estate operator, today took steps looking to the cancellation of the adoption.

It was with the announced object of providing a companion for Dorothy, who is 9 years old, that Browning recently adopted Mary Louise Spas, daughter of immigrant Bohemian parents. This adoption has since been made the subject of inquiry by the board of public welfare.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(A. P.)—The story of 12-year-old Sylvia Mullen that Edward W. Browning, wealthy realtor, had promised to adopt her, was denied by Browning today. He also denied the girl's account of a party last night with him and his newly adopted daughter, Mary Louise.

Mr. Browning made me very happy," said Sylvia. "He said that in just two weeks he is going to adopt me. Then I, too, will be a sure enough Cinderella.

Mr. Browning obtained a divorce in Paris last year, his wife keeping one foster-daughter, and he the other, Dorothy Sunshine. His attorney said it was Dorothy's longing for a playmate that led the millionaire to adopt Mary.

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Swedish Favorite Snubs U. S.



Popularity of Karin Gardtman, "light opera queen" of Sweden, with American tourists, has caused her to receive offers from Broadway producers, but she refuses to desert Stockholm, where she is the reigning favorite.

NEGRO LYNCHED FOR ASSAULT IN SPIRE OF PLEA

Sheriff Fails in Effort to Save Life of Colored Prisoner When Mob of 500 at Excelsior Springs Attacks Jail—Girl Unharmed

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Aug. 7 (A. P.)—Miller Mitchell, held in jail here for an alleged assault last night on a white girl was lynched by a mob of about 500 persons here late today.

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Bend Votes \$600,000 for New Supply of City Drinking Water

BEND, Ore., Aug. 7.—By a majority of 120 votes the citizens of Bend yesterday voted for the \$600,000 Tumalo water project, in an effort to better the drinking water of the city. The election polled more than 1800 votes, considered a large total for the city, the population of which is estimated at 8000.

FATHER SLAIN BY ONLY SON MOTHER SHOT

17 Year Old Boy Admits He Killed Parent—M. E. Minister of Iowa Town—Overstudy Given As Cause—First Denied Crime.

PARKERSBURG, Iowa, Aug. 7 (A. P.)—Warren Vandervoort, 17, today confessed he shot and killed his father, Rev. R. J. Vandervoort, Methodist Episcopal minister, here last night. James Mitchell, the Parkersburg marshal announced today.

SALEM, Aug. 7.—Transportation conditions in central and southern Oregon, from the point of view of the Oregon Trunk railway, and which are the basis of its application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the extension of its system from Bend into Klamath county, are set out in a questionnaire by the Interstate Commerce Commission. A copy of the company's replies to the questionnaire has been received by the Oregon public service commission.

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POLICE GET PHONE TIP ON MURDER

Unknown Person Tells Police to Find Out Where Theodore White Is—Hints Man Murdered By Schwartz—To Search Oregon Boat for Missing Chemist.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 7.—(A. P.)—An anonymous telephone call to the police authorities today advised them "if you will find out what has become of Theodore White, formerly of Fresno, you will know who the dead man in the Pacific Cellulose laboratory mystery is."

SEARCH VESSEL AT WESTPORT. To check the theory that Schwartz may have stowed away on the freighter Nordic, which sailed a day or two ago for Portland, enroute to Sweden, this vessel will be searched at Westport, Ore., late today, local officials stated.

Wife Still Firm. Today his wife, his family physician and intimate friends insist that he was blown to bits while experimenting in his laboratory. The official viewpoint is represented by a complaint charging Schwartz with the murder of an unidentified person, killed in the explosion, in rewards posted for his apprehension, and in an appeal to Governor Richardson to increase the price on Schwartz's head.

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