

**The Weather**  
 Prediction: Fair and continued warm  
 Maximum yesterday 102  
 Minimum today 63

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
 Maximum 90  
 Minimum 49

Medford, Oregon, Saturday, August 8, 1925. No. 119

## N. Y. CINDERELLA GIRL DRINKS POISON

### MARY TIRED OF LIFE IN RICH HOME

**Driven to Desperation By the 'Nasty Things' Said About Millionaire Protector, Girl Adopted By E. W. Browning Attempts Suicide, But Little Harm Is Done.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—Mary Louise Browning, newly-adopted daughter of Edward W. Browning, wealthy real estate operator, admitted today that she drank poison this morning because of the "nasty things" which had been said about Mr. Browning's adopting her.

A doctor was called but when he arrived the girl already had vomited the poison. "Why did you do it?" she was asked. "I did it because I was hysterical and did not know what was doing, and because of the nasty things Mr. Coler has been saying about Mr. Browning," she said.

Mr. Coler, commissioner of the department of public welfare, who has been conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding her adoption, described it as the "most immoral thing" he had ever encountered.

The girl and Browning had planned to leave today on a week-end auto trip but this was cancelled following the discovery of the girl's act.

The attempt at suicide, which occurred in the bathroom of the Browning home in Key Gardens, was averted by Browning, who seized a two-ounce bottle of iodine from the girl's hand after a small quantity had passed her mouth. A physician was summoned and an antidote administered.

Browning was summoned by telegram from District Attorney Newcomb this afternoon for a further conference. The telegram was followed by a second message in which Mr. Newcomb said evidence had been obtained which set the girl's age at 21 years.

Browning asked the assembled reporters "to find out if the girl was really 21."

"I want to feel out the pulse of public opinion," Mr. Browning said later in a formal statement. "If it is that I should not keep the girl for the sake of my own child, I will work out some other solution. If she is 21, the adoption is, of course, void."

By "his own child" it was assumed he meant Dorothy Sunshine Browning. Bird S. Coler, commissioner of public welfare, announced today that he had an appointment to confer on Monday with an attorney representing Mrs. William St. John of Rye, N. Y., who appealed to the commissioner to have Dorothy Sunshine Browning returned to her custody. Mrs. St. John was foster-mother of the child adopted by Browning six years ago.

**Wants to Go Home.**—NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—Two bright-eyed girls whom Edward Browning made happy by showering upon them all the luxuries money could buy, were on the verge today of returning to the impoverished surroundings whence they came.

Questioned for hours yesterday by authorities involving the adoption a few days ago of Mary Louise Spas, the millionaire real estate operator appeared worn and pale. His secretary said that Browning was "trying his level best" to find a way out and hoped to send Mary back to her humble Bohemian parents today, but Mr. Browning later insisted the statement was unauthorized.

Mary was convinced that her coach and four must certainly change back to the ignominious pumpkin. "I want to go home," she said.

### Impossible to Raise Beef Cattle, Oregon Governor Declares

BAKER, Aug. 8 (A. P.)—Governor Pierce, accompanying the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college on their inspection tour of the seven experimental stations, made a close investigation of the work of the O. A. C. station at Union.

### M'NARY OPPOSES ADMIRAL PALMER ON SHIP PROGRAM

Oregon Senator Declares Head of Shipping Board Is Playing Favorites—Threat to Take Ships Away From Portland Is Assailed.

SALEM, Aug. 8 (A. P.)—United States Senator McNary said here today that if Admiral Palmer is threatening to take the merchant marine fleet from Portland he is acting without legal authority. He added that Palmer apparently is seeking to give control of the merchant marine to a favored group.

Senator McNary was a member of the senate commerce commission and a member of the subcommittee that framed the present merchant marine act, therefore is familiar with the intentions of congress at the time the act was passed.

"I was not in sympathy with the resolution passed by the shipping board transferring the emergency fleet corporation's control over to the shipping board fleet," said Senator McNary, "as I believe it is contrary to the letter and the spirit of the merchant marine act. Consequently I feel that Admiral Palmer, in threatening to take the fleet from Portland, is acting without legal authority."

"One of the foundation supports of the act was to provide for geographical and territorial representation on the shipping board, thereby preventing one man or one port control of the shipping facilities owned by the government. The committee who framed the legislation proposed first that America should have a merchant marine, that new trade routes should be established and new markets developed and that in each large port should be an American fleet adequate to handle the commerce moving to the markets of the world. The ships should be sold to private operators upon condition that these trade routes be maintained and the various American shipping ports have adequate facilities. If I am rightly informed, Admiral Palmer seeks to give control of the merchant marine to a favored group, which would tend to centralize the utilization of the ships in a few hands. It is my judgment that until congress can provide supplementary legislation looking to the support of a merchant marine that the government vessels now operating from Portland and other ports of the country should not be diminished in number, nor the present trade routes disturbed. The producers of agriculture and manufacturers in Oregon are interested in an adequate service of cargo carrying vessels, and any attempted action of one man to destroy or mar the situation should be discouraged, and if necessary be presented in its true light to President Coolidge."

"Before leaving Washington I discussed the shipping board situation on two occasions with the President, and I think his point of view coincides with the thought shared by the people of Oregon."

### K. K. PARADE DRAWS OUT HUGE CROWD

In Flowing Robes and High Peaked Hoods, But Without Masks, Thousands of Klansmen March in National Capital As Bands Play and Spectators Applaud.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—In flowing white robes and high peaked hoods, the Ku Klux Klan paraded in force today along Pennsylvania avenue.

High officers of the order headed the pageant and behind them marched in mass formation klansmen from many communities in the east, south and middle west.

The parade route lay from the capitol to the treasury and then through the Mall to the scene of an outdoor ceremony to be held tonight at the Washington monument.

Klan headquarters estimated that 50,000 members were in the line of march and that the parade, starting at mid-afternoon, would not be over until late evening.

The avenue was roped along its curbs with steel cables, as it is on investigation days, and behind on the sidewalks crowds gathered to see the unusual picture.

The klansmen marched with visors raised, complying with a capitol police ordinance against the wearing of masks. An intermittent breeze played with the long cloaks and capes but failed to beat off the oppressive heat of an afternoon of dull sunshine and threatening clouds.

Extra policemen were stationed two or three to the block along the parade route and a guard of marines patrolled the treasury, as is customary during unusual public gatherings. As a further precaution all police reserves in the city were held on duty at their precinct police stations.

Klan sentinels also were posted along the route at frequent intervals. Most of them stood silently on the sidewalks. By the time the parade was under way the spectators were ranged six or eight deep throughout the mile stretch from the capitol to the treasury, with larger crowds at favored places. There was frequent applause.

A mounted police patrol preceded the head of the parade along the route. With them rode a single klansman carrying aloft a gold fringed American flag. Behind came others on horseback and in richly decorated robes of bright and varied colors. In their midst was one clad in black colonial garb with powdered wig.

A Pennsylvania delegation, carrying a banner marked with the state's key-note, was the first behind the parade leaders. More than a hundred marched behind the flag in the form of a living cross. Then there were several hundreds in mass formation, each carrying an American flag and a hollow square of white robed women, marching with folded arms.

Thousands of the men marched too, with arms folded. In some of the formations they were thirty abreast. One Pennsylvania group preceded by a band in Scotch kilts and by a drill team, dressed in trim white uniforms with Sam Browne belts and black leather buttees.

### Can She Come Back?



Can Mabel Normand come back? The little comedienne, absent from the films since her name figured so prominently in the stories of the Dines shooting, is in New York preparing for an attempt to win public favor via the stage. She will be starred in a comedy. Among the guests at a farewell party given for her in Hollywood was Roscoe Arbuckle, who has failed in all of his attempts to stage a comeback.

### Grants Pass Mayor Quits 'The Climate City' for Long Beach

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 8.—With the resignation of Mayor W. D. Fry last night the city is now without an administrative head. A special meeting of the city council has been called to take up the election of a new mayor. Fry's resignation was accepted in view of the fact that he expects to leave August 25 to spend the winter at Long Beach.

### DEAD MAN IDENTIFIED AS LABORER

MARTINEZ, Calif., Aug. 8 (A. P.)—Confirmation of the identification by Cecil Barker, Placerville, Calif., undertaker, of the body found in the Pacific Cellulose company's plant after an explosion was sought by authorities today with only partial success.

### RICH AMERICAN GIRLS GIVE UP ALIEN GROOMS

Miss Emmeline Grace Will Not Marry Sir Michael Bruce and Lieutenant Bacci Is Turned Down Cold By Miss Nancy Sayles.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—The marriage plans of two American society girls and two blue blooded foreigners have gone awry.

Miss Emmeline Marion Grace, president of the Bethlehem steel corporation, is not to wed Sir Michael William Shelby Bruce, adventurous young Scottish baronet, because he is to marry an English girl.

Dispatches from London last night said that Sir Michael, a captain in the royal field artillery and descendant of Robert Bruce, hero king of Scotland, today would become the husband of Miss Doreen Duffield Greenwald, daughter of a British colonel.

Miss Grace's engagement was announced last December from her home in Bethlehem, Pa. It was celebrated by a ball. Mr. Grace's secretary from the steel magnate's summer home at Southampton, L. I., yesterday said Miss Grace's engagement was broken several months ago and it was known to her friends here and in London.

Disappointment came to Lieutenant Ernest Lardine Beel, first assistant secretary of the Italian ministry of the interior, when he arrived on the liner Providence yesterday to learn that his contemplated marriage next Wednesday to Miss Nancy Sayles of Pawtucket, R. I., had been postponed indefinitely.

A few hours later Lieutenant Beel intimated he would return to Italy without a bride. Miss Sayles is reputed to be the wealthiest girl in Rhode Island. Her mother, Mrs. Frank S. Sayles, gave no reason for postponement of her marriage. Lieutenant Beel is a Roman Catholic and Miss Sayles a Protestant.

Lieutenant Beel left \$37,500 in jewelry, his gifts to the prospective bride, in the hands of customs officials. He didn't want to pay duty on something he might not need.

### Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (A. P.)—Another display of aggressive strength was shown by today's stock market. Although a tendency to convert paper profits into cash and experimental short selling brought about occasional recessions of a point or two, the general list swept forward under the leadership of the high priced industrial, many of which were again buoyant. Buying orders were spread over a broad list, but centered largely in the steel, equipment, motors and public utilities, many of which broke through to a new peak price for the year.

### CALIFORNIA IS AGAIN SHAKEN VERY SLIGHTLY

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—A slight earthquake shock at 2:13 o'clock this morning was reported to the Santa Fe train dispatcher's office here by the dispatcher at San Bernardino. Telephone operators and police headquarters at San Bernardino reported they had not felt the shock.

### COUNTY PROSECUTOR AT EXCELSIOR SPRINGS DECLARES 'JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE'—NO INVESTIGATION OF MOB ACTION CONTEMPLATED.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—Officials of Clay county have indicated that no investigation will be made of the lynching here yesterday of Walter Mitchell, 33, negro, who was taken from jail by a mob and hanged to a tree.

The negro was lynched following his identification by a young woman as her assailant late Thursday night, while she and Leonard Utt, 13, were returning in a motor car to the girl's home after a party.

"We feel that justice has been done," Ray Cummings, county prosecutor said. "Of course, the method was crude. I would have preferred that the negro could have been hanged legally and I am convinced that it would have been done."

As they were preparing to hang Mitchell, mob leaders asked him if he had anything to say.

"Yes, I'm guilty," he replied, according to members of the mob.

Fifty Kansas City policemen rushed to the place armed with riot guns, arrived fifteen minutes too late. They recovered the body and turned it over to the coroner. Passengers on a train running between Excelsior Springs and Excelsior Springs Junction, witnessed the hanging. The train was forced to stop when the mob swarmed over the tracks, and passengers crowded the steps and windows.

The lynching caused an exodus of negroes from Excelsior Springs. Last night it was reported many of the approximately 100 negroes who lived in and near the town, had gone to Kansas City.

Authorities here, however, say no trouble is expected between the races.

### Country Never in Better Shape From Every Angle Says Hoover

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 8 (A. P.)—Secretary Hoover took advantage of his first conference with the President since the executive left Washington to report business conditions as he found them on an extensive tour through the west and to express the opinion that the public west of the Alleghenies was profoundly interested in development of waterways.

The United States, Mr. Hoover declared, was never in such a strong economic condition as at present. The public is cheerful and hopeful, he said, standards of living are higher than the country has ever before enjoyed and there is no unemployment of consequence.

**VANDERBILT MANSION BUILT FOR \$1,555,000, SOLD FOR \$7,100,000**

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—An order requiring all persons with an interest in the property to show cause why Mrs. Alice C. Vanderbilt, widow of Cornelius Vanderbilt, should not sell the Vanderbilt mansion at Fifth avenue and 57th street was issued yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Ingraham.

Mrs. Vanderbilt had applied for permission to sell the property for \$7,100,000, giving as a reason the change in character of the neighborhood; no larger made the property a suitable dwelling place. The mansion was erected in 1882, and then had an assessed valuation of \$1,550,000.

Beginning in the early hours of the day, special trains rolled in to add thousands to the influx which set in yesterday. Dusty motor cars brought in other hundreds to participate in the demonstration which will continue throughout tomorrow night.

Capital police on duty in full force.

Easterners Win Golf Title. GARDEN CITY, N. Y., Aug. 7.—(A. P.)—Ray McAllister of Buffalo, N. Y., and Bill Serrick of New York, will meet at 26 holes tomorrow for the national public links golf championship.

McAllister eliminated Bill Courtney of Detroit in the semi-finals today, five and four, while Serrick conquered Al Houghmon of Washington, 5 and 5.

Conditions are bad in spots, Mr. Hoover admitted, declaring this was to be expected as a nation as large as the United States cannot run on "all cylinders" at one time. The farmers of the west and middle west, he said, are emerging satisfactorily from their difficulties, although they are not yet entirely in the clear.