

The Weather	
Prediction	Fair
Minimum yesterday	101
Minimum today	61

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	94
Minimum	54

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## SUICIDE SOLVES ARSON CASE MYSTERY

### CAUGHT BY POLICE MAN KILLS SELF

Charles Henry Schwartz, Author of Perfect Crime, Trapped in Oakland Apartment House, Shoots Himself Through Brain—Leaves a Note in Effort to Clear Name

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 10.—With Charles Henry Schwartz dead by his own hand and his "too perfect" crime plot in complete collapse, police today worked to establish legal proof of the identity of the insurance hoax victim as G. W. Barbe, wandering lay minister of the gospel.

Having the positive assertions of three persons that it is Barbe, who was killed, authorities feel that the identification is virtually certain, but a few loose ends remain to be gathered in the writing of the final chapter of the grim tragedy to disclose irrefutably the name of the murdered man.

The end of the mystery that puzzled authorities for nine days came dramatically. Trapped in the apartment in which he had taken refuge the night of July 30, after setting fire to the laboratory of the Pacific Cellulose company to cover up his crime, Schwartz sent a bullet through his brain. He chose death to capture and almost certain conviction for the officers had reconstructed the happenings in the isolated situation at Walnut Creek to accurately to leave him any hope.

So it was that when policemen knocked upon his door in an Oakland apartment house, they heard a muffled shot and breaking in found him dying.

**Fault in Death Note.**  
An explanatory note addressed to the wife, Mrs. Schwartz, said the fugitive chemist had come to the point of saying good bye because he had killed a stranger who had asked him for work and attacked him when refused. But the investigators branded this as a falsehood, written in the face of death, the explanation of the occurrence made by the man about to terminate his existence. They believe their proof is complete that Schwartz planned the killing for months to defraud the insurance companies out of more than \$100,000 which he carried in favor of Mrs. Schwartz and the Cellulose company, in which she was a heavy stockholder. His note, the police believe, was a dying effort to erase the image of himself as a pre-meditated murderer in the minds of his wife and children, when his suicide should reveal his plot to fake his own death in the Walnut Creek fire.

**Escape Plan Fails.**  
Through his scheming, fate worked against the Berkeley chemist, who was vice president and general manager of the cellulose company. The explosion and fire which were to have wiped out evidence of the slaying of the man lured to the plant under promise of employment failed to accomplish its purpose. Investigators learned, because thought watchman Schwartz had sent on an errand returned unexpectedly and extinguished the blaze. His plan to escape that night failed when he missed a train on which he had a reservation for Barstow, Cal. His hiding place in Oakland was revealed in a casual way, by another stroke of fate. The apartment house proprietor attending a dinner party Saturday night, became suspicious of his tenant when shown a newspaper photograph of the murderer. After reflection, the dinner guest became certain as to the identity of his new tenant and early next morning he notified the police. The house was quickly surrounded and the suicide followed.

**Wife Faints Away.**  
Mrs. Schwartz, who had consistently maintained that the charred body found in the partly wrecked laboratory was that of her husband, fainted when informed that he had taken his

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### Says Prohibition Is Making Americans Race of Ping Pongers

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(A. P.)—Declaring that the lack of whiskey is breeding a "race of ping pong players," Nathan Doucety, 91 years old, champion of rum and tobacco, has spoken his mind about what this world is coming to.

Celebrating his birthday a few days ago with friends at Darien, Conn., he attributed his age to whiskey and smoking.

### HEAT RECORD IN SALEM BROKEN; MERCURY FALLS

60-Day Period Without Drop of Rain Sets New Record in Valley—Smoke and Haze Add to Discomfort, But Mercury Starts Drop.

SALEM, Aug. 10.—Today marks the close of a 60-day rainless period for Salem, the longest on record here since the summer of 1914, and stated to be the longest sustained hot spell in the history of the city. Last Saturday, August 8, the mercury came just one point from the August maximum, Saturday's mark being 97, established late in the afternoon, and the record for all time for August here being 98.

Yesterday's maximum was 91, and with cloudy skies this morning every indication was that today's high mark would be still lower.

The last rain at Salem to fall in sufficient quantities to be measured occurred on June 11. The first heat prostration of the summer occurred Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Harry N. Crain, wife of the managing editor of the Capital Journal, was overcome while traveling to Portland by automobile and had to be removed from the car and given medical attention at Foley's Corners, five miles north of Salem. She was brought back to her home here Saturday evening.

EUGENE, Aug. 10.—Though smoke and a haze still hung over Eugene today, there was relief from the oppressive heat of the past three days. Yesterday the maximum temperature was 92 degrees, but the atmosphere was sticky and dense.

Today there are clouds to aid, and it is much cooler, though there is some indication that the sun may break through. This is the 58th day without rain here.

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(A. P.)—The record for prolonged dry weather was broken today when Portland had its 58th consecutive rainless day. The previous record was 47 days without rain in 1882. Edward L. Wells, government observer, said he saw no indications of rain for 24 hours, at least.

Higher humidity and lower temperature improved the forest fire situation somewhat today.

### Daily Report on the Crime Wave

AUSTIN, TEX., Aug. 10.—An entire family of three were found dead, apparently murdered, the bodies lying about the house at the home three miles east of Delvalle. The dead are E. E. Engler, farmer; Mrs. Engler, his wife; and Emma Pegler, 25, their adopted daughter.

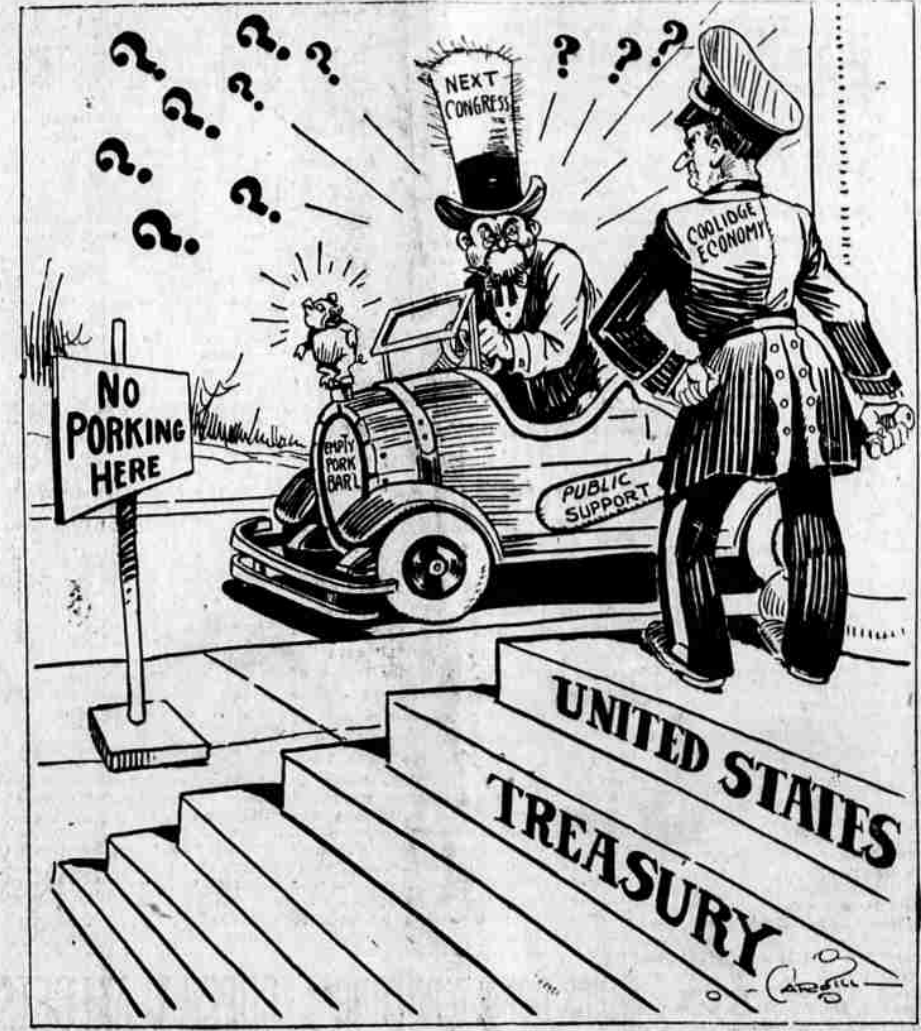
The victims apparently were killed Saturday night. A neighbor discovered the bodies which were brought to Austin Sunday night for examination by finger print experts. Authorities thus far are without clues regarding the deaths.

### Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The closing was irregular. A renewed demand for the public utilities, several of which moved their earlier losses and moved substantially above last week's final quotations, featured the late trading. Independent strength also was shown by Chesapeake & Ohio, Pullman and New York Air Brake.

Heavy selling of the motor and oil shares, temporarily unsettled today's stock market, which witnessed some rather violent and erratic fluctuations in the high priced industrial issues. Supporting orders eventually found their way into the market and steadied the general list, which showed mixed changes on the day. Total sales approximated 1,250,000 shares.

**Boil City Water.**  
Although the city water is not contaminated, as usual at this time of year, residents are advised to play safe and boil the same.



### \$20,000,000 CUT U. S. A. EXPENSES IS AUTHORIZED

SWANSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 10.—(A. P.)—President Coolidge today approved a tentative budget for next year's appropriations, calling for a reduction of \$20,000,000 over this year.

Director Lord of the budget, presented the estimates which come with the figure directed by Mr. Coolidge in his address at the last business meeting of the government.

Although the data was not made public, it is understood that the army and navy will bear a good portion of the cut in next year's appropriations. President Coolidge has declared he believed an adequate defense could be maintained at less expense.

The budget, which is for \$3,980,000,000, is only tentative and hearings will be held in the fall before final figures are presented to congress.

On a basis of a surplus of \$250,000,000 in the treasury on June 30 and an estimated surplus of \$290,000,000 for this fiscal year, Director Lord informed the president that he believes tax reductions amounting to at least \$300,000,000 would be warranted. While only \$20,000,000 will be saved in appropriations next year, government financial experts estimate the reduction in taxes will be offset by increased returns.

Increased appropriations are accounted for in the new budget for some bureaus, Mr. Lord said, but these will be offset by heavier slashes in the funds to be allowed other government departments.

Just what portion the national defense will carry in the reductions and where the cuts will be made in the military levies have not been disclosed.

### 21 FOREST FIRES HERE, AID RUSHED

Entire Force of Fire Fighters Called Out to Prevent the Spread of Flames—Morgan-McNeil Sawmill Burns—Situation Serious, But Is Not Alarming.

Twenty-one forest fires caused by lightning, 16 of which are in the Crater national forest and five on state timber land in Jackson county, were reported to the local forest service office during the past 48 hours. The largest fire, which is near Ninnaha creek, six miles southeast of Prospect in the national forest, covers an area of approximately 40 acres and is still out of control. A 20-acre fire in the Aggregate country is reported as the largest on state land and, according to late reports, is not yet under control.

The majority of the fires started Saturday night, at which time electrical storms were raging in the mountain country. Many of the blazes were merely burning snags and were quickly put under control, but others due to the low humidity spread rapidly to the surrounding timber and had covered several acres before fire fighters could be rushed to the scene.

Beside the Ninnaha creek fire in the national forest, another of nearly the same area is burning in a section known as Moon prairie, 10 miles north of Pinehurst on the Green Spring mountain. Twenty-five men under Forest Ranger E. J. Rodgers are combating this blaze, which is believed to be spreading.

Local forest service officials do not regard the remaining 14 fires, five of which are now under control, as being serious. Four of these blazes are centered about Fish lake, three others are quite close to the Buzzard mine in the Trail district, while the other half is scattered.

According to P. B. Lowd, district state fire warden, the fire situation on state land is not extremely serious, as only one of the five fires is of any size. However, reports have come to him of a fire near Bybee springs in the Evans creek district, which is spreading and is covering considerable acreage. He has sent several men to the scene.

Two small fires are burning on the valley slope of Green Spring mountain and are nearly under control, while another is burning near the

### GIRL ABANDONS CHANNEL SWIM 8 MILES AWAY

BOULOGNE, France, Aug. 10.—(A. P.)—Miss Lillian Harrison, the Argentine girl swimmer abandoned her attempt to swim the English channel at 7:40 o'clock this evening when she was eight miles from Cape Gris-Nez.

At 5:25 o'clock this afternoon after more than 5 hours in the water Miss Harrison was seven miles out from Cape Gris-Nez. Weather conditions were improving. The rain had ceased, the sea was calm and the tide had turned, carrying the swimmer northward so that she was directly abreast of Cape Gris-Nez. The visibility still was poor and the swimmer could be seen only intermittently through the haze.

### PRINK CALLISON WILL COACH HERE ONE YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Aug. 10.—Prince "Prink" Callison, three-year letterman in football at the University of Oregon, received his bachelor of business administration degree at the termination of the summer session this year. Callison was athletic director and coach at Medford high school last year and returned this summer to finish his work for a degree.

He will coach at Medford again this year, but plans on going to California next year, he says. Callison played football on the university teams during the years 1919, 1920 and 1922.

### Death Toll of the Automobile

EUGENE, Aug. 10 (A. P.)—Kathryn DeNefe, 29, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. DeNefe of Eugene, died at a local hospital yesterday morning following an automobile accident at Judkins Point, on the Pacific highway, just out of Eugene, to the south.

Miss DeNefe, her sister, Ruth, Don Kerns and Richard (Dick) Reed, former football star at the University of Oregon, were in the machine driven by Reed, which locked wheels with another car at the turn. The Reed car overturned, crushing Miss DeNefe beneath. Four occupants of the other car and the Reed automobile sustained only minor injuries.

Miss DeNefe was a University of Oregon student and a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

### 928,882 Pints Hooch Used for Medicine California in Year

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—(A. P.)—Physicians prescriptions for 928,882 pints of whiskey and brandy were issued in California during the fiscal year ending June 30. Statistics to this effect, unaccompanied by any comment on the ailments which gave rise to the prescriptions, were made public today by Rex Goodcell, collector of internal revenue.

### RUBBER SUPPLY MAY BE SOLVED BY PHILIPPINES

Dept. of Commerce Makes Report On 18 Months' Survey of Crude Rubber Situation—Soil and Climate Favorable to Rubber Cultivation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(A. P.)—The Philippine islands gave promise of eventually bringing to the American rubber user a part of his crude supply. The commerce department in a report today on an exhaustive investigation of the potential value of the archipelago for crude rubber expressed the opinion that profitable production is possible there.

The report, representing many months of study, held that under favorable conditions an annual maximum output of 70,000 tons could be produced in the islands. In the southern portion of which approximately 1,500,000 acres are suitable for rubber raising.

The 70,000 ton potential Philippine output would compare with an annual import now of 340,000 tons by the United States. The lack of political disturbances and the utilization of the present available labor forces in the islands were stressed as factors in reaching this estimate.

The reports make the completion of another stage in the department's world wide survey of the rubber situation, started 18 months ago at the instance of congress and the rubber trades, when it became apparent that the legalized restriction of the plantation rubber output in British possessions might menace American consumers. In recent months high rubber prices, feared by the American industry at the outset of the British restriction program, have been realized.

Previous department reports have dealt with the British program as well established in that nation's colonies, while today's report was devoted to a study of the possibility of creating competitive plantation areas in the Philippines. The investigation is being continued to study the advisability of expanding the crude output of South America, Africa and the Caribbean area.

In the Philippines, the survey disclosed considerable commercial rubber planting now under way with sufficient plantations in cultivation to give a highly favorable hope of the islands becoming a new source for the rubber. The Para rubber tree, mainstay of the Atlantic plantation, has shown satisfactory progress in the more southern islands. Soil and botanical experts of the department found that the plant there is less troubled by disease than in the plantations of Malaya and the islands of Mindanao, Jolo and Basilan, soil conditions are highly satisfactory in areas already charted. Importation of some labor and some modification of Philippine land legislation were recommended to facilitate commercial production.

**War Veteran Expires.**  
PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(A. P.)—Albert Willie, who shot himself on the night of August 1, died at a hospital here early today, in spite of blood transfusions last week from two fellow war veterans.

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