

The Weather

Predictions... Fair and cooler tonight and Wednesday...

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum... Minimum... 98 52

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

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SOLONS HAD BOOZE SHIP FOR JUNKET

Congressmen On Trip to Panama Canal Drank Up 50 Cases, Waiter Testifies in Divorce Case of Representative Frank D. Scott of Alpena, Michigan.

ALPENA, Mich., Aug. 11 (A. P.)—Fifty boxes of liquor taken aboard the steamer Cristobal at Panama in the spring of 1921 turned a congressional junket into a gay drinking and gambling affair.

DALLAS, who was a waiter aboard the Cristobal, said that there was drinking all over the ship. "Everywhere you could find glasses and liquor," Dallas said.

"I knock one, two, three, times on door," Dallas deposed in broken English, which was retained in the document.

Reading of the deposition had not been completed when Judge Frank D. Emerick adjourned the morning session.

It was "quite the usual thing" to serve liquor in Washington homes and apartments in 1922 and 1923, Mrs. Marguerite A. Hamilton, identified as a friend of Mrs. Scott's, asserted in another deposition read.

Mrs. Hamilton also related that Scott sold the Scott household furniture and effects in 1923 to Congressman Royal Johnson of Minnesota.

Another party at the Scott apartment was described. High balls were served, Mrs. Hamilton said and Congressman Scott partook along with the others.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Highly conflicting price movements developed in today's active stock market.

Wilhelm and Black Both Shoot a Hole In One at Seattle

SEATTLE, Aug. 11 (A. P.)—Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, and Willie Black, Bellingham, Wash., each shot a hole in one of the links of the Rainier Golf and country club here today in the first round of the Pacific northwest amateur-professional championship.

TYPHOON RAZES HOLLAND TOWN SCORES INJURED

Unprecedented Storm in Dutch Republic Leaves Death and Destruction in Its Path—Four Known Dead, 300 Reported Injured.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Four persons are reported to have been killed and about 100 injured in the small village of Borculo, in eastern Holland near the German border, when it was struck by a typhoon which lasted several minutes last night.

The village is a mass of ruins. Both churches were demolished and not a single house escaped damage. Other villages in the eastern part of Gelderland province seriously damaged by last night's storm are Didam, Doelnhem, Oldenzaal and Bengelo.

FISH SCARCE IN ALASKA THIS YEAR

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Rigorous conservation of the Alaskan fisheries was recommended to President Coolidge today by Representative White of Maine, ranking republican on merchant marine and fisheries committee.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 (A. P.)—Seven cars of pears from California, three from Oregon arrived today. Thirty-eight cars on track including broken. Twelve cars sold, California Bartlets 5812 boxes sold at \$1.85 to \$2.85; mostly \$2.25 to \$2.50.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (A. P.)—Forty cars of pears arrived from California, 9 from New York by boat. Some arrived in mixed cars.

"I feel that it is the place the memorial should be. He was not primarily a politician, but a crusader, and he believed that there is a future for industrial folk in Florida."

SLAYER OF PAHL PAYS PENALTY ELECTRIC CHAIR

Walter Simmons, Montana Cowboy Executed for the Murder of Medford Man's Brother—Protests Innocence to Last.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 11 (A. P.)—Walter Ray Simmons, former Montana cowboy and deputy sheriff, was electrocuted at the state prison here today for the slaying of Frank Pahl, Spencer, Nebraska, garage man.

The current was sent into his body at 7:05 this morning and turned off at 7:10. The doctor pronounced Simmons dead shortly after.

Simmons left a last letter with his sister, Mrs. Emily Bateman of Pomeroy's Hill, Mont., addressed to his son, Walter Ray Simmons, Jr., saying he was leaving \$500 in currency to be used for his son's education.

Simmons was up at the regular time and had a breakfast of pineapple, oranges, coffee, bacon, toast, eggs and potatoes.

At 6 o'clock the death warrant was read to the condemned man by Warden Fenton of the prison.

A final statement was made by Simmons to his attorney for publication. It follows:

"It is but a few moments that there is a hereafter, and that if I were leaving the world with a lie on my tongue I wouldn't have the chance to say it. I tell the truth, and realizing that as I do and believing that to be the truth, the only thing I can say is that I am innocent."

"I am dying without any prejudice against anyone—all is forgiven by me and I ask forgiveness in place of it as much as possible."

A few minutes before the execution the former cowboy called reporters to his cell and thanked them for the courtesy he was shown.

Simmons requested last night that he be buried in Omaha. The body will be taken there today.

Simmons was hanged for the murder of Frank Pahl, a Spencer, Nebraska, garage man and brother of W. L. Pahl 823 Palm street, this city. Pahl was beaten to death by an auto crank, with robbery as the motive, \$480 being missing from the pockets of the slain man, when found, Simmons was arrested for the deed, and narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a mob.

Simmons was hanged for the murder he was spitted away. After the murder, Pahl was buried in a shallow grave to evade detection.

In the course of the long fight to save Simmons 23 reprieves were granted, and last Saturday his lawyers, filed a last appeal to the state supreme court to save him on the grounds that new evidence had been discovered.

This new evidence was presented to the governor, who refused another stay. His attorney claimed a half-breed Indian had told, while traveling on a train, that he had struck Pahl the day before the murder, "but didn't know whether he had killed him or not." The crime was committed May 15, 1922.

Simple Life Is His Creed



Great simplicity in clothing, food and manner of life is the foundation of the teachings of a new cult for which C. J. Armand is winning converts in Washington, D. C. and vicinity. He is endeavoring to found a "back to nature" colony at Fairfax, Va.

CALIF. TORNADO DISASTER GROWS MANY HOMELESS

ROCKWOOD, Cal., Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Mud, splinters and dead chickens were underfoot today as the half thousand inhabitants of this little Imperial valley town set themselves to the task of bringing order out of the chaos in the wake of the Sunday tornado.

The property damage estimated at between \$100,000 and \$175,000 covered the destruction of a grain warehouse and cantaloupe shed, damage to a grocery store that was wheeled off its foundation and planted in the mud 200 yards away; destruction or damage of a dozen homes and the havoc wrought in corn and cotton fields and among telephone and telegraph lines serving the village.

Due to the destruction of telephone and telegraph communication, it was not until yesterday that word of Rockwood's plight reached the outside world and aid was sent from Brawley, El Centro and other nearby towns.

When relief workers arrived they learned that two funnel-shaped clouds had swooped down on Rockwood late Sunday, and that to the terror-stricken residents these two funnels seemed to be racing pell-mell toward a collision in the midst of the town.

Those who could flung themselves into nearby irrigation ditches, a fact which is believed to explain the small casualty list of five slightly injured. Half and torrential rain beat upon the survivors as they cringed under the flailing winds of the storm and when they emerged from their improvised storm cellars they found the hail had killed countless chickens while the rain was turning their streets and outlying roads into bogs of mud.

Only two of the town's approximately 20 buildings were standing on their original foundations. One residence reposed in apparent comfort upon the site which a few minutes before belonged to the grocery store.

And today breakfasts were cooked by many families on camp fires kindled where their kitchen stoves used to be.

FIRE SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED, RAIN EXPECTED

ROSEBURG, Aug. 11 (A. P.)—Following a night of low temperature and high humidity, all forest fires in Douglas county were reported to be out this morning. Last night's temperature was unusually low for August, and with high humidity fire fighters were able to take advantage of the condition to extinguish the 10 small fires burning yesterday.

EUGENE, Aug. 11 (A. P.)—With smoke cleared away and skies threatening rain, there was every indication that the forest fire threats of yesterday had abated here today.

Preparations were being made this morning for flights over the forested areas of Lane county by forest air patrol pilots stationed here.

KLANSMEN FIRE ON CROWD, FIVE MEN WOUNDED

15 Klansmen Held Under Bail for Assault With Dangerous Weapons As Result of Night Riot Near Framingham, Massachusetts.

FARMINGTON, Mass., Aug. 11.—Sixty of the seventy-five men taken into custody last night after a Ku Klux Klan meeting had been broken up in a shooting affray in which five men were wounded were released today.

One of those held was Percy W. Libby, upon whose farm the Klan meeting was held. It was in Libby's house that the klansmen took shelter when they declared stones were thrown at them by watchers along the road. State troopers rounded up 45 men in the Libby house, 22 more in the barn and eight others in the bushes surrounding the buildings.

Two of the wounded, Alonzo Foley and Thomas Silvey, both of Saxtonville, are at the Framingham hospital. Foley, shot through the left temple with buckshot, is in a serious condition. The others shot, were able to go home after their wounds were dressed.

The riots started last night when a crowd of hostile spectators gathered outside a field on the farm of Percy W. Libby, where 100 klansmen intended to hold their fifth meeting in as many weeks. A few taunts and rocks hurled at the klansmen by the outsiders were answered by six charges of buckshot fired from the darkness near a henhouse beside the Libby house. As the five men fell, the outsiders dispersed, running long enough to pick up the wounded and carry them to a nearby doctor's office where their wounds were dressed and the state police notified.

U. S. AVIATORS REACH MOROCCO, GIVEN BANQUET

RABAT, French Morocco, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—The airplanes of Colonel Charles Sweeney of Spokane, Wash., Lieutenant-Colonel Austin Parker of Helena, Mont., and Captain Arthur Holden of New York, members of the American escadrille who have volunteered for service with the French in Morocco, arrived here this morning.

They were received by the colonel commanding the aviation section of the French forces here and civilian authorities. Marshal Lyantey, commander-in-chief of the French forces in Morocco, will give a dinner for the American aviators this evening.

CASA BLANCA, Morocco, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—One of the forms of torture to which the rebellious Rifian tribesmen subject their prisoners is burning out of the stomach. Consequently the French fliers try always to prevent being captured alive.

The casualties among them, however, are heavy. For the Rifians are excellent marksmen.

As the bombing planes frequently drop as low as 50 feet from the ground to use machine guns against the enemy after losing a cargo of bombs, the Rifian snipers are given good opportunities, which they rarely neglect.

YAKIMA APPLES SOLD, SCOTLAND, AT RECORD PRICE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—The sale of a carload of American apples in Scotland for four times the price brought by Portuguese apples and for a higher price than could be obtained for Australian and New Zealand apples was set forth today by the department of agriculture as a striking illustration of the possibilities of shipping American fruit abroad.

J. MacPhee Ferguson of Yakima, Wash., harvested the apples of the winesap variety in 1924. Despite the fact that they were nearly a year old and were shipped 8000 miles, they arrived in Scotland in first-class condition. They were wrapped in oil paper at the time of harvest and placed in cold storage at Yakima until shipped.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was but 51 degrees.

Man at Last Is Found Who Never Heard Mary Pickford

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—After court attaches had waited three weeks for some one to whom they had never heard of Mary Pickford, Adrian J. Wood, charged with plotting to kidnap the actress, in his own defense, made the revelation here today.

Wood was being cross-examined concerning a gun he is alleged to have purchased. "I had never heard of Mary Pickford when I bought that gun," was his surprising answer to a question.

CINDERELLA IS MARY SPAS AND DREAM IS OVER

Adoption By Millionaire Is Annulled and Bohemian Girl and Parents Agree to Take No Action—Decision Based On Misrepresentation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (A. P.)—The adoption of Mary Louise Spas by Edward W. Browning, millionaire real estate operator, was annulled today by Surrogate Noble of Queens county, on the ground the girl has misrepresented her age.

The age issue was the only one presented by District Attorney Newcombe, who entered the motion for revocation.

Mary was present, as was also her foster father, when the surrogate's decision was announced. The girl showed little emotion.

Apparently abandoning her efforts to enter a convent, Mary returned to her home in Astoria, when she left the court house.

A large crowd of curious people waited in the little building and crowded the square outside from an early hour this morning to witness the final act in the "Cinderella romance."

Mary and her parents agreed to the annulment, the text of the agreement containing a provision that the girl was not to participate in any right as heir to the fortune of Mr. Browning. Her relatives also bound themselves not to bring suits of any nature against Mr. Browning or his heirs.

Browning later accompanied Mary and her parents to the Hotel Belle Claire, where he has a suite. The girl protested against going to the hotel but finally was persuaded. At the hotel the party had what Browning called "the farewell dinner."

When Browning left the suite he said he had "made no cash settlement whatever." The girl then returned to her home with her parents.

OREGON GRAIN CROP LARGER THIS YEAR

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (A. P.)—E. L. Kent, crop statistician of the department of agriculture, in his monthly report today says that in spite of some deterioration during July due largely to very hot weather, Oregon's grain crops are still found to be larger than they were last year.

The same is true of hay and potatoes, but tree fruits and grapes are either somewhat less than in 1924 or about the same in prospective yield.

SEARCH FOR ARSON GANG IN OAKLAND

Confederates of Schwartz Are Being Hunted By Police—Sensational Developments Predicted—Identification of Murdered Man Regarded As Certain—Schwartz a Fake.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Search for a man and woman believed to have been confederates of Charles Henry Schwartz, at least to the extent of visiting him between the time he killed G. W. Barbe, ministerial wayfarer, and his suicide when arrested for his crime was imminent last Sunday, was enjoining attention of police today.

"That the author of the 'too perfect' plot to defraud insurance companies of more than \$100,000 by cashing in on the body of a man he had murdered, received food and medical attention for an injured ankle after he had fled from the cellulose plant laboratory which he had fired to incinerate his victim's corpse, is the statement of Inspector Wallman of the Oakland department. Wallman predicted that within the next 24 hours there will be startling developments in this case.

As the investigation continues the evidence being accumulated tends further and further to discredit the statements made by Schwartz in the farewell letter he penned to his wife regarding events leading up to the slaying and the character of the crime.

Instead of having slain a total stranger who attacked him, as Schwartz wrote Mrs. Schwartz, the police now believe that he had been acquainted with Barbe for four years.

The identification of the victim as Barbe is regarded as virtually certain through the disclosure of witnesses who directed Barbe to the plant of the cellulose company at Walnut creek; through the statement of another person that Barbe had told he was going to Walnut creek to visit his friend, Schwartz; and through evidence at hand that Schwartz and Barbe had written letters to each other numerous times.

L. G. Shoemaker, a former service man of Los Angeles, told the story that Schwartz and Barbe met in his presence in Walnut Creek in 1921.

The pretensions of Schwartz to have been a chemist and the inventor of a compound for artificial silk making that would revolutionize the industry "have suffered as the investigation has progressed.

The formula was copied verbatim from an old book on chemistry, said Professor E. O. Heinrich, criminologist of the University of California, and the supposed highly inflammable compound for the cutting of silk fiber was nothing but a harmless paste which he stirred incessantly when visitors were around, Professor Heinrich said.

Instead of being a captain in the French army, Schwartz was a private in the Red Cross service, police state, and the silk skeins which he is said to have exhibited as progress made by him when selling stock in his company, were purchased at a department store for \$8.50.

It has developed that one policy carried by Schwartz in favor of Mrs. Schwartz for \$25,000 had a one year suicide clause which expired August 2. If it proves that this policy is payable it probably will be the only one of half a dozen which totaled more than \$100,000 that will accrue to the wife of the man who committed murder and arson to beat the insurance game and, when he saw he had bungled, killed himself.

GENE TUNNEY SIGNS TO MEET WILLS

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—A. P.)—Gene Tunney, light heavyweight champion, today signed a contract for a match with Harry Wills. It will be staged at the Yankee stadium, probably Friday, September 25, under the direction of Tex Rickard.

Reports received here said that the boy suffered a fractured leg, but details of their mishap was not given out.

FLORIDA TOWN IS SELECTED FOR MEMORIAL MONUMENT TO BRYAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Clewiston, Fla., has been definitely selected as the site for the national monument to the late William Jennings Bryan. Announcement to this effect was made today by Miss Dionessa Bryan Evans, his god-daughter.

The monument will stand in a plot on the southwest shore of Lake Okechobee. Florida was the commoner's adopted state, Miss Evans said, adding: