

The Weather.
 Prediction Fair and mild
 Maximum yesterday 88
 Minimum today 47.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 75
 Minimum 54

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1925 NO. 128

SEE CONVICT KELLY NEAR GRANTS PASS

Copco Employee Claims Man in Stolen Car Is One of Escaped Convicts—Posses Sent in Pursuit—Sheriff Jennings Gets Busy—Many Other Rumors.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—An automobile believed to have been stolen in Roseburg, containing three men, passed through here today. It was reported to the police. One of the men was identified as Ellsworth Kelly, one of the escaped convicts, by an employee of a local power company. Officers are following the machine.

A posse is today searching the hills adjacent to Grants Pass and the highway south of here.

The man who said he recognized Kelly declared he had known the convict previous to his being sent to the penitentiary. Kelly formerly made his home here, and his father is living here.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 19.—A small touring car, bearing the license number 178-338 was stolen here early this morning. The car was standing on a street in the business section and was missed for a period of only about twenty minutes. Officers have warned authorities north and south of the theft but no trace of the missing car has been found. No hint as to the identity of the thieves was obtainable here.

The sheriff's office this afternoon at 2 o'clock received a telephone message from the sheriff of Josephine county at Grants Pass, saying that early this morning, three men had stolen a Chevrolet car at the Roseburg and headed south and that the last reports said the auto had passed Canyonville on the Pacific Highway. A rumor credits the trio with being the three escaped convicts from the state prison.

According to the phone message, track was lost of the car after it had passed Canyonville. Traffic Officers McMahon and Talent, of this district, are watching the highway for the car.

Sheriff Jennings upon receipt of the message placed a guard at the northern city limits and advised all county officers to be on their guard.

Chief of Police Adams said he had no information on the Chevrolet and that the last official word he had on the whereabouts of the convicts, they were traveling north in a closed car, between Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—A telephone message from a man who declared he was Tom Murray, leader of the three fugitive convicts, denying the truth of a published story that he and his companions had separated, was received this morning in the city news room of a local afternoon newspaper.

"We are all together and in Portland," was the substance of the message. Efforts to trace the call were unavailing and police are uncertain whether to regard the call as a hoax or as definite word directly from one of the outlaws. Some officers, calling attention to Murray's love for the dramatic and his delight at being in the public eye, express the belief that the message was genuine.

The search for the convicts in Portland continued, with police today facing another day of alarms and "hot tips" that all ended in nothing. Local police scoff at the report from Centralia, Wash., that a truck driver had been fired on by three men in a roadster.

"If that had been Murray, Kelly and Willos they wouldn't have wasted a bullet," said one officer. "They would simply have stopped the truck. I rather imagine a flying pebble went through the truck's windshield."

A report that a registered letter bearing handwriting similar to that of James Willos had been sent to a girl at a Portland address, is being

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The Charleston Is Becoming Popular, L. A. Doctors Claim

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—Los Angeles doctors are agreed that the dance known as the "Charleston," is becoming popular here. One of them is treating Miss Mignon Craig for a displaced vertebra sustained while attempting to master the acrobatic intricacies of the so-called ballroom recreation. She will be up and around in ten days.

AIRPLANE TRIP IS ABANDONED BY M'MILLAN

Arctic Explorer Gives Up Attempt to Fly Because of Adverse Weather Conditions—Will Make Investigations From Greenland, However.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—MacMillan's arctic expedition has abandoned hope of carrying out its full exploration program over the polar sea this year.

Curtailment of the expedition's activities was forced by adverse weather, which has locked the northland in ice and fog well ahead of the usual winter season.

MacMillan and his explorers will proceed, however, to carry out other objects of the expedition including scientific investigations from the present base at Etah, Greenland.

The change in plans was announced today by the National Geographic society after it had been advised by MacMillan that the project of establishing an advanced base on Cape Hubbard and flying from there over the frozen northern sea was not feasible because of this year's usual weather conditions.

The veteran explorer advised society authorities that in view of all the circumstances, to go ahead with the original plan would be to attempt the impossible.

BASEBALL SCORES

National League.	
NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—The Giants advanced within two games of the league-leading Pirates today by defeating the Cubs, 7 to 6, while Pittsburgh was losing to Brooklyn, 8 to 7.	
At New York—R. H. E.	
Chicago..... 6 9 1	
New York..... 7 11 2	
Alexander, Bush and Gonzales; Bentley, Wisner, Dean, Huntzinger and Snyder.	
At Brooklyn—R. H. E.	
Pittsburgh..... 7 11 1	
Brooklyn..... 8 13 1	
Meadows, Oldham, Sheehan and Goetz; Vance and Deberry.	
At Philadelphia—R. H. E.	
Cincinnati..... 4 10 1	
Philadelphia..... 5 13 1	
Donohue and Hargrave; Ring and Wilson.	
At Boston—R. H. E.	
St. Louis..... 4 10 6	
Boston..... 5 8 2	
Haines, Dickerman, Rhelm and O'Farrell; R. Smith and O'Neil.	
At Philadelphia—R. H. E.	
New York..... 3 8 6	
Detroit..... 4 6 1	
Pennock and Bengough; Wells and Woodall.	
At Chicago—R. H. E.	
Boston..... 1 5 2	
Chicago..... 3 7 1	
Ehmke, Zahniser and Bischoff; Robertson and Crouse.	

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(A. P.)—Secretary Wilbur has reached conclusions on establishment of a naval base at Alameda, but without details today pending study of his findings by experts of the navy department.

CONVICTS HEADED FOR PUGET SOUND DECLARATION OF WARDEN DALRYMBLE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—Informed over the long distance telephone by Warden A. M. Dalrymple of the Oregon penitentiary at Salem that the three desperadoes who effected their escape last Wednesday were probably headed towards Olympia, Chief of Police C. H. Hansen and Charles Jackson, sheriff of Thurston county, were hastily organizing posses

AGREEMENT REACHED ON WAR DEBTS

President Coolidge O. K.'s Washington Agreement for Payment of Belgian Debt to the United States—Liberal Terms Granted—Final Action Up to Congress.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—The Belgian department of finances today began its study of the agreement reached at this country's obligations to the United States.

It is understood that at least 48 hours must elapse before the effect the agreement will exercise on Belgium's finances can be judged and an opinion rendered as to whether it is considered satisfactory or not.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—Bearing the personal approval of President Coolidge, terms for funding the Belgian war debt to the United States have been worked out by the debt commission of the two countries after negotiations of unusual brevity.

Little more than a week was required to bring about an agreement on the payment of the little kingdom's debt which was estimated at \$417,780,000 as of June 15, 1925.

The funding plan agreed on later came in the same month that eleven years ago marked the opening of the World War. The terms provide for a remission of interest on the \$171,780,000 loaned prior to the armistice and for a part remission of interest on \$246,000,000 borrowed for reconstruction work.

The agreement subject to ratification by the American congress and the Belgian government was described as recognizing by the United States of "weighty moral obligations," as a result of assurance given the country by President Wilson at the time of the Versailles peace conference and also the right of Belgium to particular and special treatment by this nation.

Pay in 62 Years

The terms call for complete payment within 62 years.

The \$171,780,000 loaned during the time of actual fighting with Germany is to be paid free of all accrued or future interest.

The interest on the post-armistice debt of \$246,000,000 was fixed at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. The Americans agreed to forego a part of the interest on this amount for the first ten years and arbitrary amounts were established bringing a reduction of nearly \$50,000,000.

The Belgians insisted during the negotiations that the pre-armistice loan should be considered a debt by Germany to the United States because such a proposal was "accepted by President Wilson at the peace conference."

German Debt Denied

The Americans, however, refused to accept this agreement, but declared that "while no legal obligation rests upon the United States in the matter, there does continue a weighty moral obligation as a result of assurances given which entirely differentiates this sum from all other debts due the United States from foreign countries."

The funding program in consequence laid down for the pre-armistice debt a schedule of re-payments calling for Belgium to pay \$1,000,000 and the same amount in 1927 with increases in each of the next four years, when the annual payment becomes \$2,500,000. The annual payment then will continue at this figure until 1937, when a final payment of \$2,250,000 will be due.

Not a Precedent

Concerning the post-armistice loan, the settlement provides that Belgium pay \$1,470,000 as interest and \$1,100,000 on the principal for the first year. The second year the total payment will be \$3,100,000, of which \$2,000,000 will be interest. The charge for interest then increases sharply in each succeeding year and the payment on principal will decrease until the end of the ten-year period. In the eleventh year Belgium will pay \$5,172,000 interest and \$1,600,000 principal. Thereafter payments will remain in excess of \$5,000,000 per year until the debt has been liquidated.

After the agreement had been pronounced the Belgians had no comment to make, Senator Smoot, of Utah, and Representative Burton, Ohio, the American commissioners, however, expressed the opinion that the terms would prove acceptable to congress.

WEALTHY LADY STILL IN COMA POLICE IN DARK

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—A handsomely dressed woman who in a few moments of consciousness said she was Mrs. Elizabeth Wise of Hollywood, was still in a coma late yesterday after being taken from a Santa Fe railroad train here Monday.

Her identification of herself coincided with the result of an investigation in Hollywood where a Mrs. Elizabeth Wise was found to have lived at the same address until she left several days ago for an unannounced destination.

But reports from Bloomington, Ill., placed her as Mrs. William Wise, wife of the golf editor of the Los Angeles Times and formerly Miss Dorothy VanPelt of Bloomington. Relatives in Bloomington could not be reached last night, nor was Mr. Wise found in Los Angeles, though it was known his wife had left for the east recently.

A man, who said he was Charles Wise of a Chicago hotel, said she was his sister-in-law, a widow, and 25 years of age, but no one registered as Charles Wise at the hotel from which he said he came.

The woman carried a diary from which the name and other information had been torn. Her trunks contained valuable gowns and jewelry, a check for \$5000 and a traveler's check for \$500 were found in her purse. In the purse also was a notebook leaf on which was written the name and address she later gave.

Train officials said she became ill crossing New Mexico. During her lucid moments she said she had taken some pills. Attending physicians said they found traces of a sleeping potion in the stomach.

DEATH OF MISS TOWNE, SUICIDE JURY SUGGESTS

A coroner's jury investigating the death of Miss Edith M. Towne, well known local business woman, last night returned a report that she came to her death by drowning. The chief witnesses at the hearing were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGowan with whom she had made her home for the last five years.

Despondency over ill health was given as the reason for the act. She was found in the bathtub, about 9:30 o'clock Monday morning. Her death was first reported as due to heart failure.

A farewell note was left. It thanked Mrs. McGowan for "your many kindnesses," closed with the sentence, "I can't explain any more, and was signed: "Edith."

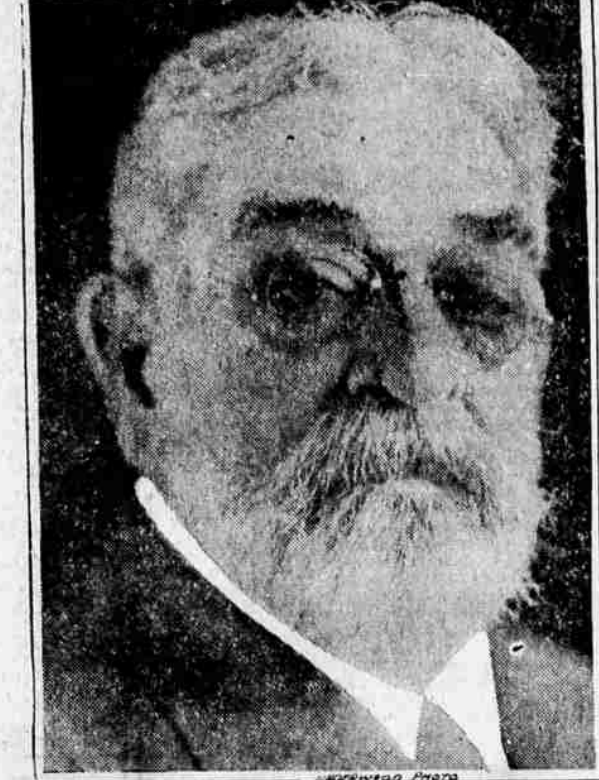
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—A distinct earthquake shook the island of Porto Rico at 11:10 o'clock this morning, lasting for about five minutes. Another shock less severe was felt about 5 o'clock. No damage has been reported.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Pear receipts thirty-one cars California, five New York. Market slightly weaker, mostly \$2.55 to \$2.65; choice, \$2.50 to \$3.15; average \$2.62.

Chicago pear receipts twenty-three, California, 1; Utah, 1; Washington, 1; Michigan, 1; California Bartlett, 7123 boxes \$1.40 to \$2.55, mostly \$2.50 to \$2.60.

Lincoln's Son at 82



A new photo of Robert Todd Lincoln, son and only living descendant of Abraham Lincoln, taken on his eighty-second birthday. He lives with his family in a picturesque old home in Georgetown, an historic town near Washington, D. C. He rarely appears in public.

WEALTHY LADY NO DISCIPLINE IN PENITENTIARY GUARDS CLAIM

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 19.—Sweeping statements of a total absence of discipline and control over convicts, said by some of the witnesses to be directly responsible for the break and killing of two guards and a convict, inefficiency and friction among prison officials, gambling and marijuana (chemp leaf) smoking during the second session of the investigation into the escape by a coroner's jury here.

Summarized, the testimony taken from the witnesses, all but one of whom are and were employed at the prison at the time of the delivery, brought forth these statements:

"That no discipline, as compared with former administrations, exists in the prison. Guards have little control over the convicts, and attempts by the deputy warden, principal keeper and others to discipline prisoners have been overruled by the warden."

Heads of the institution were in constant conflict, which was fully known to all around the prison, and that guards and convicts were even betting at one time as to whether the warden or deputy warden would lose his job.

Bert "Oregon" Jones, killed in the break of last week, and Ellsworth Kelly, one of the fugitives now sought, were occupying a cell together, although they were partners in an escape a little over a year ago and were known to be constantly plotting another break.

Gambling goes on constantly among the prisoners with the knowledge of the warden and the governor, and with the sanction of the warden, who ordered it confined to "the island" and allows convicts to order cards through the office.

Three statements, all made by employees of the prison at the time of the break, stand out in the testimony.

L. T. Murphy, chapel guard, when the convicts escaped, asked by one of the jurors whether the prison was run as an institution of reform or punishment, replied:

"It is more like an old people's home," adding that he expected he would lose his job for criticizing conditions at the prison.

Busy Entertaining.

"So long as the reform element controls the running of the prison there will be no discipline, and it will be a haven of rest and a paradise for the convicts," was the statement of Wright Gardner, from whose hands a shotgun was shot by the escaping convicts.

Rev. C. H. Bryan, Methodist minister and prison chaplain for the past four years, declared that the administration is "so busy furnishing entertainment for the convicts that it has no time to run a prison."

It was Rev. Bryan who first voiced the charge that gambling is going on openly and constantly among the prisoners with the sanction of the warden and with the knowledge of the governor.

"Did you say the governor knows that gambling is going on?" asked one of the jurors.

"Yes, I told him myself and he said he would put a stop to it."

"Did he stop it?"

"No, and I went to him again and

THE NOTED DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19.—Father Faber, for ten years chaplain at St. Vincent's hospital, died today, following an operation of several days ago. He was 68 years old and had served in Oregon missions for forty years.

The priest, a native of Luxembourg, was arrested by orders of Bismarck when, as a youth he celebrated Catholic services in Germany in violation of the law against public Catholic worship, but was soon released.

MARY BAKER ELUSIVE BRIDE SAILS ON LINER WITH SERBIAN COUNT

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—Miss Mary Landon Baker, Chicago heiress, who four times deserted Alister McCormick virtually at the altar, is sailing for Europe with her mother on the liner Aquatania. Count Pourich of Serbia, was also a passenger.

Miss Baker, her mother and the count vigorously denied reports of an engagement before the liner steamed out last night. The count, who first posed as a physician, was asked in his cabin "is it true that you and Miss Baker are engaged?"

"That might have been true two years ago, but now it is all off."

Count Pourich professed ignorance that Miss Baker and her mother were sailing on the same ship, but when they arrived, directed servants to place their baggage in a suite reserved for them and later made dinner reservations for all three.

Dakota Farmer Has 15 1-2 Shoes Made at A Cost of 20 Dollars

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—A pair of spats made 15 1/2 size shoes are being completed by a local merchant for a 250-pound South Dakota farmer at a cost of \$20. The shoes, when completed, will have required two days' labor and most of a kangaroo hide. They will be fourteen inches long and have a spread of five inches at the widest point.

FARMER DEFENDS KEEPING WORD WITH CONVICTS

Charles Newman Replies to Criticisms By Warden Dalrymple—Protection of His Own Family Paramount—Boy Taught to Keep Word.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19.—Charles L. Newman, at whose home the three escaped convicts, Kelly, Murray and Willos, remained all day Monday, last night defended his action in not notifying the authorities of the presence of the fugitives. He declared that to have made the slightest overt action would have meant death for him and his family.

When shown a statement from Warden Dalrymple criticizing him for not turning in an alarm after the convicts left his farm for the dash to Portland, Newman defended his course with the following statement:

"The warden has not yet interviewed me in any way about the operation of the convicts," said Newman. "He has made no move to investigate the circumstances and yet he presumes to pass judgment on my actions. It is evident that he doesn't check up matters very carefully."

"I made an agreement with the convicts when they left my place that if my boy and the young fellow from Monitor who were taken as hostages were returned to me alive within two and a half hours I wouldn't turn in an alarm until the end of that time. I had been protecting my family and I didn't want my boy shot because I failed to keep my word. Because I kept our agreement my family has nothing to fear from those desperate men now; if I had violated the agreement every one of us might be in danger."

"However, as soon as my boy returned—within five minutes—I drove to New Era and from there to Oregon City as fast as I could to notify the sheriff. If I had to do over, I would do no differently."

In regard to the contention that the boys, once free of the bandits in Portland, might have notified the police, Newman declared that his boy is only 17, has been used to obeying and that it was his instructions for them to return immediately.

Mr. Newman asserted his confidence that the story which he induced the fugitives to dictate to him was substantially true as they remembered the incidents.

Mr. Newman declared that a check of the speedometer on his automobile showed that the machine had been driven more than thirteen miles within the city limits. The Williams river was crossed twice with an evident purpose to confuse the boys, who were also incorrectly informed as to the place they left the convicts.

SCORES DIE IN EXPLOSION ON STEAMER

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—The death of three more victims of the Mackinac excursion steamer boiler explosion brought the total list of dead to 32 at noon today with several additional deaths expected momentarily.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—Live steam that poured over 677 excursionists aboard the steamer Mackinac in Narragansett Bay yesterday had claimed the lives of 34 persons today, while 41 others were so badly scalded that fear was felt for their lives. Many more were less seriously burned and one person was reported missing.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19.—(A. P.)—A scalding boiler explosion which brought to a sudden close the outing of a boat load of 677 excursionists as they were leaving Newport Harbor aboard the steamer Mackinac, last night, had taken a toll of 29 lives today. The explosion occurred as the Mackinac was passing the naval training station in Narragansett Bay for Pawtucket.

Throughout the night and early today the death toll mounted. In addition to the dead, two were reported missing and 52 seriously burned. Physicians at the naval hospital said they expected the death toll to mount to 45 within the next 24 hours.

Days will pass before the more seriously injured are out of danger the doctors said. The dead and injured were reaped in the first and second decks when the boiler exploded.

The accident happened within a stone's throw of the naval hospital, less than 100 yards from shore, otherwise the casualty list would have been trebled, passengers said today.

The Mackinac was a one-funnel steamer equipped with 750 horsepower engines. Her gross tonnage was 512 and her net tonnage 336. She was 162 feet long, 28.2 feet beam and twelve feet deep. She was built in 1908. The excursionists included many women and children. Many aboard were employees of the J. and P. Coster company, thread manufacturers in Pawtucket. The company had declared a holiday for the outing.

Boiler Patch Gives Way

A patch on the boiler, which had been placed there just before the departure of the boat, gave way, exploding the boiler and throwing the passengers into a panic. Capt. Thomas McVey of Pawtucket, the skipper, said the boat was traveling fifteen knots an hour, its fullest speed, and was loaded to its capacity.

In a statement made to the Associated Press shortly after the accident, Capt. McVey said:

"I was in the pilot house with Pilot Thomas and Quartermaster Spendar, when we heard a concussion aft. This was followed immediately by the hissing of escaping steam and the entire vessel was enveloped with a steaming mist. Then the engines stopped suddenly and I gave the wheel a yank and headed it to the beach, where its own momentum grounded it shortly after."

Passengers who described the scene said it was one of tremendous confusion.

Wireless Calls Aid

A distress signal was immediately sent out by the wireless operator and boats from the forty naval ships in the cove rushed to the rescue.

Passengers on the two lower decks were the victims, observers said, especially those amidship near the boiler room. Those on the top deck, for the most part escaped with minor injuries. The commands of the officers were obeyed to the letter by the stricken passengers, those who came out unscathed said today.

Immediately there was a rush for the rails. Two men are known to have jumped overboard and were picked

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