

The Weather
 Prediction Fair, warmer
 Maximum yesterday 74
 Minimum today 39.5
 Precipitation .23

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 96
 Minimum 65

Medford, Oregon, Monday, August 24, 1925. No. 132

WEALTHY MANUFACTURER ROBS BANK

OHIO BANK BANDIT IS CAPTURED

Sensation Caused in Dayton, Ohio, When Fred Nichol Confesses He Is Phantom Bandit Who Robbed Trust Co. of \$28,000 August 14—Daughter Gave Tip.

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Fred Nichol, Dayton manufacturer, was arrested by Dayton detectives today and is said to have admitted to them that he is the blue-masked, blue-robed phantom bandit who on August 14, held up and robbed employees of the North Dayton branch of the Dayton Savings Bank and Trust company, escaping with \$28,000 police announced this morning.

Nichol is president of a local manufacturing concern bearing his name. He told detectives that he had turned robber because of financial difficulties. He said he was compelled to raise money, that he conceived the idea of robbing the bank and purchased the blue material of which his robe and mask were made and the gray kid gloves which concealed his hands.

The clue which led to Nichol's arrest was the presence of his adopted daughter, Miss Helen Sammet, an employee of the bank at the time of the holdup. Methods employed by the robber were such as to lead the detectives started investigating the Nichol clue they had no information on which to base their investigations.

While the "phantom bandit" was being sought by police in automobiles and by an officer of McCook field in an airplane, Nichol told how he was driving aimlessly through the country surrounding Dayton.

His purpose, he said, was to throw his pursuers off his trail. Then, according to his confession, he proceeded back to Dayton in his automobile, drove to his home, greeted his wife and concealed the plunder. Mrs. Nichol had no intimation that her husband was under surveillance until Inspector Vandey and the detectives searched the Nichol home today and found the hidden money. The loot was concealed in Nichol's bed room.

He took only bills of high denominations. A feature of the robbery was the robber's threat to close the seven employees in the huge vault on the main floor of the institution, close the door upon them and leave them to their fate.

The frightened employees of the bank, five men and two girls, including Miss Sammet, the adopted daughter of the manufacturer, pleaded with the bandit for mercy. He then locked only a grating of the vault, walked into the directors' room near the vault, counted the money and left.

Helen Wins National Title for 3d Successive Year



Helen Hills. FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Miss Helen Hills won the national women's tennis title for the third successive year when she conquered Miss Kathleen McKane of England today in a thrilling three set match, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

GIVES BURGLAR \$45 MORE TO SPARE HUSBAND

Daylight Burglar in San Francisco Threatens to Slug Thomas Mitchell When Wife Says She Has More Money and Bandit Takes It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—A lone daylight burglar after entering the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell early today, locking Mitchell in a closet and stripping the rooms of \$1200 in jewelry and \$240 in cash, was about to slug Mitchell with a clubbed revolver when Mrs. Mitchell, still in bed, screamed: "Don't hit him, please! I've got some more money."

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Irrate periods of heaviness and strength characterized today's stock market. An outburst of strength in the early trading lifted more than thirty issues to new peak prices for the year, but subsequent profit-taking and bear selling, apparently based on the theory that the market was entitled to at least a "technical reaction" brought about sharp declines from the earlier high levels. Today's total sales approximated 1,450,000 shares.

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 24.—Prince of Wales battles senoritas at the races.

7 SOLDIERS KILLED BY GUN BURST

Practically Entire Howitzer Company at Camp Grant, Illinois, Wiped Out When Defective Shell Explodes—Death List May Reach 14—Dead Mostly Negroes.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Seven soldiers are reported dead and between 20 and 30 injured, many seriously, by the bursting of a howitzer in the Eighth infantry (negro) regiment area at Camp Grant this afternoon.

The identified dead: Captain Osceola Browning, commanding the howitzer company, Eighth infantry; Corporal Henry Williams; Privates Ben Anderson, Herbert Durant and Delmas Campbell, all of Chicago.

Unconfirmed rumors place the total death list as high as 14. Fifteen of the injured men have already been removed to Rockford hospitals.

The accident occurred just as the men were completing their morning's firing on the Camp Grant range. A defective shell is blamed for the tragedy.

Charlie Wright, negro, Chicago, one of the injured, died soon after he was taken to a hospital, increasing the known death list to seven.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—The way and son of William Jennings Bryan heartily approve the proposal to build a fundamentalist school at Dayton, Tenn., as a memorial to the commoner, and will give their support to the erection and maintenance of the institution.

London Wedding Breaks News That Miss Grace's Betrothal's Ended



A cablegram from London announcing the coming marriage of Sir Michael William Selby Bruce, adventurous Scottish baronet, to Miss Doreen Dalziel Greenwall, was the first intimation New York society had that the engagement of Sir Michael and Miss Eumeline Marion Grace, daughter of President Eugene G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation was at an end. A. J. Green, secretary to Grace, has now confirmed the breaking of the engagement.

KLAN MAY LEAD FIGHT AGAINST EVOLUTIONISTS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Led by Dr. Hiram W. Evans, Imperial wizard, grand dragons and titans of the Ku Klux Klan were arriving here today for their annual meeting at Buckeye Lake, a resort near here, starting tomorrow.

Virtually every state and the country's insular and territorial possessions will be represented, according to Fred W. Gallant, personal representative of Clyde W. Osborne, Ohio, grand dragon.

Those who have arrived include Harry A. Thompson, Cristobal, Canal Zone, Imperial representative; L. E. Phillips, Jacksonville, Fla., grand dragon; A. G. Biggerstaff, Imperial representative of the Iowa realm, and Brown Harwood, Fort Worth, Texas, former Imperial klaxik.

FROST IN KLAMATH, RAIN OVER STATE, PRUNES DAMAGED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 24.—Klamath Falls was clothed with a light frost at dawn this morning, the first of the season. According to reports from the office of the agricultural agent, crops will not suffer any material damage.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 24.—The last car of green prunes from the Umpqua valley was shipped this morning, making the 12th for the season. It was expected that there would be 25 or more cars but the heavy rain of Saturday effectively halted picking as well as softening the fruit so much as to prohibit shipment.

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 24.—The long drought in Umatilla county was broken Saturday night and Sunday morning when rain fell in the amount of .54 of an inch. The precipitation was doubly welcome because of the fact that range lands were in need of moisture.

New Cure for Bald Heads Proclaimed By N. York Druggist

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Lacks by the tongue of a cat have grown hair on the once bald pate of Rudolph Althaus, 60-year-old retired druggist of East Elmhurst, he says.

For years he applied various preparations designed to promote hair growth, but none worked. A few months ago his cat, Mike, started licking the shiny bald spot when Althaus took his afternoon nap. Eventually he began to lick when Althaus was awake.

Now his head is covered with a growth a quarter of an inch long. "If I were younger," Althaus says, "I would buy a tame lion and train him to do what Mike does."

PRISON PROBE STARTS, WARDEN BEGINS REPAIRS

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24.—Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent of Crater lake national park, named by Governor Pierce on his committee to investigate conditions at the state penitentiary, this afternoon announced that he had declined to serve on the commission. Colonel Thomson had nothing to say regarding his refusal to serve.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24.—The full and complete investigation of conditions at the Oregon state prison promulgated by Governor Pierce with the appointment of Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent of Crater lake national park; Brigadier-General George A. White, adjutant of the Oregon national guard, and Jefferson Myers, former state treasurer by appointment of the governor, started here this morning. The inquiry was occasioned by the recent prison break.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24.—H. A. Ahern of Salem, who left his home here recently for a short trip to Bend, Ore., has not been heard from since his departure from here and has disappeared. In the opinion of his wife, Mrs. H. A. Ahern, when he was last seen he was wearing faded green trousers, a dark brown felt hat, a black coat and a heavy gold chain around the front of his vest. He is about 65 years of age, is light complexioned and has gray hair.

KELLY NEAR BREAK DOWN ASKS MERCY

'I Never Fired a Shot,' Says Third Member of Convict Trio—Willis Worried, But Tries to Keep Up Nerve—Murray Calm and Smiling, Shows No Concern.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24.—There is a striking contrast in the demeanor of the three slayer convicts, Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, who shot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary on the evening of August 12, and who were returned to the prison Saturday and Sunday.

His capture without the firing of a shot and the two nights and days he has spent in solitary confinement in a death cell since his return to the big house have done nothing to break the spirit of Murray and, prison officials said this morning, he is apparently resigned to the fact that he will likely hang for the slaying of James Sweeney and Mitt Holman, guards. Murray has not yet displayed even a trace of nervousness, say the guards who have watched over him constantly since his return.

Not so with Willos and Kelly, particularly the latter, who has taken every opportunity to plead his innocence of any shooting. His first statement as he reentered the doors of the prison yesterday were:

"I never fired any of the shots—I had nothing at all to do with the shooting." Kelly is so nervous that prison officials look for him to collapse completely at any time.

Willis, who with Kelly was captured shortly after three o'clock Saturday afternoon as they were eating luncheon in a little cove along the Goldenade-Yakima road in eastern Washington by Deputy Sheriffs J. Christofferson, Pete Rexford and Joe E. Jackson and Constable Ed Gloss, all of Portland, showed more composure and bravado than his companion, but was visibly affected by the prospect of hanging. He, too, has protested innocence of any capital offense.

Their homecoming was in sharp contrast to the return of Murray just after noon Saturday, when automobiles containing a hundred or more curious people were clustered about the gate and the warden's office was crowded with officers, reporters and photographers.

EIGHT BRITISH MISSIONARIES ARE KIDNAPPED BY CHINESE BANDITS

SHANGHAI, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Inquiries as to the whereabouts and welfare of the eight British missionaries kidnaped by Chinese bandits on August 6, have thus far been fruitless. The party, including Bishop Morrell of Toronto, and five women, were taken while at a holiday resort, but details of their capture are lacking. They are being held by bandits in the province of Szechuan, where communication facilities at present are very unreliable. It is said here that the captured missionaries were among those warned by the British consulate to leave Szechuan during the recent troubles.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—(Federal State Market News Service.)—Apples, boxes—California Gravensteins, best, \$2.50; C grade, \$1.75; 2.5; Alexanders, \$2.25; 2.5; Pearmain, fancy, \$2.25; 2.5; Pears—Bartlett, \$2.25; No. 2, \$1.50; \$1.75 box.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—The bodies of Clarence Yaker, 30, and Mrs. Lawrence Bird, both of Hastings, were found huddled together in an automobile about one mile east of here this morning. County Attorney Walter M. Crow said he was convinced they were shot to death.

U. S. MARINES GO TO SLEEP WHILE ACTING AS GUARDS FOR PRESIDENT

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Two marines of the special detail assigned to guard the summer White House were found asleep at their posts of duty early this morning. Charges of neglect of duty have been preferred against them and Captain Adolphus Andrews, the president's naval aide, has ordered an investigation.

SALEM MAN MISSING EN ROUTE TO BEND

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