

The Weather

Collection - Generally cloudy
Maximum yesterday - 83
Minimum today - 50.5
Precipitation - Trace
Minimum - 34

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum - 92
Minimum - 54

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NAVY ASSAILED FOR KILLING AVIATORS

AIR OFFICER FLAYS U. S. AIR POLICY

Col. Wm. Mitchell Charges Air Service Tragedies to Criminal Negligence of U. S. Navy and War Departments - Men Sacrificed to Politics - Arrest Is Expected.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Predicting that he will be placed under military arrest by Monday because of what he said, Colonel William Mitchell, air officer of the eighth corps area, and deposed assistant chief of the air service, today issued a statement denouncing the war department and the navy department in connection with the disaster which befell the Shenandoah and the loss of the seaplane PN-9 No. 1 on an attempted hop to Honolulu.

The statement was issued after "mature deliberation and after a sufficient time has elapsed since the terrible accidents to find out what happened," to quote from the statement. "These accidents are the direct result of incompetency, criminal negligence and almost treasonable administration of the national defense by the war and navy departments," he wrote.

Changing that both the war and navy departments have gone to the utmost lengths to keep down the development of aviation, and to maintain aeronautics as a part of the two departments, Colonel Mitchell said that all aviation policies are directed by non-flying officers "who know nothing about flying and that lives of airmen are being used merely as pawns in their hands."

Colonel Mitchell said: "The airmen themselves are bluffed and bulldozed so that they dare not tell the truth, knowing full well they will be deprived of their future careers, sent to the most out-of-the-way places to prevent their telling the truth, and deprived of all chances for advancement unless they subscribe to the dictates of their non-flying bureaucratic superiors."

Colonel Mitchell asserted that "the conduct of the war and navy departments has been so disgusting in the last few years to make any self-respecting officer ashamed of the cloth he wears."

Colonel Mitchell declared that the determination of the members of the flying service to place the issue "squarely on to congress and the people, dates from the killing of Lieutenant Pearson and Captain Skeel in the dilapidated racing airplanes during last October's air meet."

This was caused, he says, "by an arrangement between the army and the navy that the navy should take the races one year and that the army should take them the next year, hereby equalizing propaganda, for the air services."

Parade of Navy. The recent maneuvers of the fleet in the Pacific are declared to have been nothing more than a "parade of our navy," reported to have cost from 50 million to 80 million dollars, which demonstrated the futility of surface vessels. He declares that in the Philippines would have been constantly beset by submarines that "if any vessels survived the submarine attacks, crossed the ocean and came within hundreds of miles of the hostile coast, they would be sent to the bottom forthwith, by airplanes."

Regarding the Hawaiian seaplane flight the colonel declared: "Next, to get publicity and make a noise about what it is doing with aircraft, this so-called Hawaiian flight was arranged for. Even if it had been made successfully, either commercially or strategically, compared to what a flight to Europe or Asia would. Three airplanes were built to participate in it. These showed nothing novel in design and were untried for this kind of work. One never got away from the Pacific and one flew

Oregon Japanese Can Own Buildings, But Not the Land

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 5.—Japanese residents of Oregon may own business or residence buildings in this state, but not the land on which they stand. They may, however, lease such land. This is the opinion of the attorney general's office, based on the Oregon law and a treaty between the United States and Japan. The opinion was asked by District Attorney Redding of Coos county.

WATER CUT OFF BY BLAST, FIRE SWEEPS LA. CITY

9 City Blocks Leveled in Shreveport, Louisiana When Fire Follows Wrecking of City Water Mains—Bucket Brigade Checks Flames.

SHREVEPORT, La., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Nine city blocks, embracing more than 200 dwellings in which lived more than 1000 persons, were leveled here last night and early today by a fire which broke out shortly after some mighty force had wrecked the city water mains in three places. Property loss was estimated early today at upwards of \$500,000 exclusive of losses by public utilities.

Three blocks of the fire-swept area were occupied by homes of moderately well-to-do persons, while the remaining six blocks, which extended up to the business district, housed poorer persons and negroes. Six persons were injured, two seriously.

The fire originated in the bathroom of the home of O. Childress, a barber, and whipped by the heaviest night winds in many years, quickly got beyond control.

Hundreds of persons formed bucket brigades in an effort to stem the rushing tide of flames. For five hours, however, the city was left virtually at the mercy of the fire, until finally the breaks in the mains were repaired.

The fire started in a house owned by a former fire department chief and across the street from a fire station. The breaks in the mains remained unexplained early today. One theory was that they were caused by dynamite used in nearby construction work.

Mayor L. E. Thomas called a citizens' meeting to plan relief measures for the homeless. The Cotton Belt and the Texas & Pacific railroads rushed carloads of water to the scene and lent great aid while private water concerns distributing well water rushed their supplies and city sprinkling wagons, filled at Red river, kept running to and from the scene of the conflagration.

City officials did not venture to fix responsibility for the break in the water main.

"Oh God, let it rain," one woman cried frantically as she sat in the street and witnessed the destruction of her home and the homes of her neighbors. Sobbing women carrying children in their arms, hurried away from the path of the flames. At 11 o'clock the wind changed its course, veering from a northerly direction to southwest.

At one place, three men wrapped in gunnysacks to protect them from the heat, fought against fierce odds and won.

From a hillside a thousand spectators stood idly watching. As the fury of the flames died down groups of homeless gathered around what property they had snatched from their homes and began their all-night vigil.

Here and there families discussed their loss. Occasionally the sobs of a

JONES WINS GOLF TITLE SECOND TIME

Amateur Champion, Playing Flawless Golf, Overwhelms Fellow Townsman 8 Up—Match Close for First Nine But Youngster Breaks Under Strain—Loser Hugs Winner

OAKMONT, Pa., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Bobby Jones, the invincible golfer from Atlanta, retained his national amateur crown here this afternoon when he overwhelmed the young Watts Gunn, also a resident of the Georgia city. The match finished on the 29th green when Bobby put down a pretty putt for a par four. He was eight up, with seven holes to go.

The young Gunn, inexperienced in tournament play, survived the classy field, going into the final after three days of exceptional golf when he shot under par for two score holes. Gunn, the pupil, was no match for Bobby, the master. He played the first nine holes under par, as did Bobby, holding the champion even at the turn, but coming home he lost four holes, giving Jones the four advantage.

On the first nine this afternoon, Gunn played in flashes—he would lose a hole only to recover it later. Up to the 23rd he held Bobby to four up. Then he went to pieces, for Jones, displaying the form that made him champion, went after his young friend with some of the finest shots ever witnessed on the difficult Oakmont course. As Bobby won the 29th with a pretty putt, Gunn whose ball was in a trap, rushed toward his friend and embraced him.

As a runner-up, the youngster was given a great hand. Then began the victorious march to the eighteenth green, where Bobby, the peerless amateur, was given the trophy emblematic of the championship he so ably defended.

And Gunn, not to be forgotten for the wonderful battles he waged during the week of grueling golf, stood beside the king of the amateurs to receive his reward as the nation's second best amateur.

Four Up at Turn OAKMONT, Pa., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Bobby Jones of Atlanta was well on his way to his second successive national amateur championship today when he led Watts Gunn, his youthful fellow citizen by four up at the end of the morning round of eighteen holes.

Jones shot a seventy, two under par, to gain his advantage, Gunn holding him square at the turn, aided materially by an eagle three at the fourth. Both shot better than par for the first nine, Bobby having a 36 and Gunn 35. Par is 37.

After the turn Gunn gained a hole advantage at the tenth when Bobby missed a putt of ten feet after chipping from the rough. They halved the eleventh and twelfth, but on the short thirteenth the champion squared the match with a par three as Gunn had trouble in coming out of a deep trap.

A birdie added another for Bobby at the fourteenth, his second dropping 20 feet from the pin to be followed by a sensational putt. He picked up the fifteenth when his opponent hooked across a road into rough and had to shoot over the trees. The shot landed in a trap.

At the home green Jones took his lead of four because Gunn again wandered in the deep traps with a hook, missed the pit and finally reached the green in four. Jones played the hole in par.

OAKMONT, Pa., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Bobby Jones, the champion, and Watts Gunn, both sons of the same city, Atlanta, met here today for the national amateur golf championship with a gallery of a thousand watching the play. It was Jones' opportunity to accomplish a feat credited to only four other men, including Jerry Travers and H. Chandler Egan, winners of the national title two years in succession.

Both expressed confidence as they went to the tee. They have been inseparable since arriving here more than a week ago, and the sentiment in the match has aroused an interest seldom seen in golf.

Gunn is 19 years old, the same age that Bobby honored when he aimed at his first championship in the Cotton Country Club house in 1919 when he was defeated for the title by Davy Herron.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—There'll not be much hot work done

Bob to Stay, Says "Shingle" Creator



The bob is here to stay, and never will be discarded by girls, says Miss Helene Lombard, Parisienne, who is given credit for innovating the "shingle." She sees the bob as a symbol of the emancipation of her sex.

CITY MARSHAL FATALLY WOUNDED BY DRUNK, SHOTS ASSAILANT

TACOMA, Sept. 5.—Dolar LaPlant, marshal of Eatonville, Wash., is dead, and William Charles, who killed him, is in a dying condition at the county hospital, as the result of a shooting at Eatonville yesterday afternoon. LaPlant died at an Eatonville hospital at 5 o'clock this morning and Charles was brought here.

A bullet is lodged at the base of his brain. Physicians do not expect him to live.

MID-WEST HEAT RECORDS BROKEN, DISMISS SCHOOLS

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Cooling breezes from the Canadian northwest today were forecast as a vanguard of rain, which will bring respite within a day or so from the scorching heat in the middle west, lower lake region and the southwest.

A foretaste of the long-awaited showers has come to parts of North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin, but elsewhere record high temperatures have brought deaths, drought, damage and suffering.

More than a month of aridity was broken when a quarter inch of rain fell in Fargo, N. D. Jamestown, N. D., also was visited by three welcome showers.

High winds and hail accompanied the downpour in Grinnell, Iowa, causing property damage of \$40,000. But elsewhere in these stricken areas temperatures above the normal broke seasonal records.

Most of Iowa, except parts touched by storms, was a seething furnace. Sheldon experienced 106 for seven hours yesterday. Des Moines' highest was 97, with one serious prostration, and others of a minor nature there and elsewhere in the state. Slight showers in Des Moines only increased the humidity.

Schools were dismissed yesterday in Omaha because of 100-degree heat.

Assassin Kills Himself. ATHENS, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—An attempt to assassinate M. Elinco, governor of the Bank of Athens was made today by a youth named Moschos who, when his attempt failed, committed suicide.

Jackie Coogan Is Grown Up. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Jackie Coogan's days as a juvenile screen star are numbered.

Wearing his first pair of long trousers, Jackie breezed into town today with his father.

At New York— R. H. E. Philadelphia 6 6 1 New York 3 10 0

At Cleveland— R. H. E. Detroit 6 12 4 Cleveland 4 9 2

At Washington— R. H. E. Boston 6 9 2 Washington 7 10 1

500 Klansmen Put Wreath On Grave Theodore Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—KuKlux Klansmen placed a wreath on the grave of Theodore Roosevelt at Oyster Bay last night with ceremonies attended by about 500 persons, it was learned today.

A personal representative of Hiram W. Evans, grand wizard of the klan, was said to have placed the wreath on the grave, in the absence of the grand wizard, who was ill.

Dressed in white robes and red capes of the klan "guard of honor," klansmen stood about the late president's grave during the quiet services, which included prayers.

POSSES SEARCH FOR NEGRO WHO KIDNAPPED GIRL

One Colored Man Killed, Another Shot By Negro Who Seizes Wrong Girl in Effort to Get Ransom—Likeness Saves Millionaire's Daughter

MONTECLAIR, N. J., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Blood stains on the front seat of the automobile in which Mary Daly, six year old daughter of Dave Daly, well-to-do hardware dealer, was held by the kidnaper who carried her away yesterday noon, have given rise to the belief that the child no longer is alive.

Montclair, N. J., Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Posses today intensified their searches for a little white girl kidnaped by a negro who presumably killed another negro in order to get an automobile for the abduction.

Apparently having planned to kidnap the niece of a wealthy banker, the fugitive seems to have found that he had abducted the wrong girl.

The kidnaping plot police believe, was aimed against Joseph A. Bower, vice president of the New York trust company, whose seven year old niece, Dorothy Coates, was visiting him.

Instead the negro grabbed Mary Daly, six year old daughter of David S. Daly, hardware merchant, near the Bower home yesterday afternoon.

Police at first suspected Raymond Pierce, a negro chauffeur, who had borrowed the car which the abductor used, but Pierce's body was found last night in a culvert with a bullet hole in the head. The assumption is that he was killed by the kidnaper in order to get the car.

Last night Mrs. Bower was called on the telephone by a man who demanded \$4000 for the return of her niece, but her niece was safe in bed at the time, Mary Daly and Dorothy Coates look very much alike.

After the kidnaper had grabbed Mary he sped away. John Sandin, the Bower chauffeur gave chase. After ten miles Sandin crowded the fugitive car toward the curb and the negro fired, hitting Sandin in the head. He was taken to a hospital.

Fourth Vessel Victim of Fog. SEATTLE, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—The fourth vessel in such a plight in nine days on Puget Sound and adjacent waters, the French steamer Saint Paul was high and dry in the harbor at Anacortes, 60 miles north of here, at low tide today. All the groundings were attributed to fog.

Women Arrested for Smoking. JAMESTOWN, N. D.—Two women have been fined \$5 for smoking on the street. No perfect lady does so, says the chief of police.

ALIEN ORDERED DEPORTED FROM LOS ANGELES CAN'T FIND HIS COUNTRY

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Joe Panas must leave the United States and go home if immigration authorities can determine where that is. He has been ordered deported as an undesirable alien but in eleven years that have elapsed since he emigrated from Poland, that country has ceased to be Russian and its boundaries have been so thoroughly overhauled that it is difficult to know whether he ought to be shipped back to Poland, Russia, Lithuania or some other country.

Meanwhile his attorney yesterday filed application for a writ of habeas corpus, pointing out that Panas has been awaiting deportation in the county jail since last April, and suggesting that it would only be fair to allow him his freedom until a country can be found for him. The case will be heard next Thursday.

STILL HOPE TO RESCUE THE PN-9

Leader of Navy Searching Party Reports "Reason to Hope for Recovery Today"—18 Destroyers Rushed to Scene From Antipodes—Scout Planes Join in Search

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Captain Stanford E. Moses, commanding the Hawaiian flight project, reported to the navy department today that an analysis of the situation "gives reason to hope for the recovery today" of Commander Rodgers and the missing seaplane PN-9 No. 1.

HONOLULU, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—The work of wrestling from the stubborn silent tropical sea its precious secret of the whereabouts of the missing seaplane PN-9 No. 1, was underway today with renewed intensity.

Eighteen destroyers were rushing toward the scene by breaking away from the fleet detachment returning from the Antipodes.

From the east the airplane carrier Langley, with a cargo of scout planes aboard, was cruising to the vicinity where search was being carried on for the missing plane which was a victim of fuel shortage while on a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Honolulu, five days ago.

The destroyers and aircraft aboard the Langley will augment the forces of the sea and air which have been cruising for days in search of the plane, the last word from which included this laconic message:

"We will crack it if we have to land in this rough weather with no power."

With the patrol base at Leihana abandoned a New base for airplanes will be put in operation on the western-most island, on the archipelago, the Kaul, the spot, which is inhabited by but few contains a number of caves which may provide new searching grounds for those in quest of the missing birdmen and their plane.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Edith Lane, 29, placed her six weeks' old son in a wash boiler and had filled with water and lighted a fire under it at her home today. Several hours later the husband discovered the child dead.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Despite the approach of a double holiday, which is usually occasion for a readjustment of speculative accounts and a restriction of new commitments, stock prices made substantial progress on the up side in today's brief session of the market.

Group movements were again in evidence with the motors, foods, shipping and local traction making the best showing. Seasoned dividend paying issues were also well bought with United States Steel common under steady accumulation in apparent anticipation of a favorable tonnage statement next week.

Pierce-Arrow common and Dodge Brothers common led the advance in the motors, being taken in large blocks. Buying of the rails centered in the St. Paul, Wheeling and Lake Erie, Texas and Pacific, and Pittsburg and West Virginia issues. The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 600,000 shares.

EX-KAISER'S SUMMER PALACE AND ART TREASURES TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

LONDON, Sept. 5.—(A. P.)—The Daily Express says that the art treasures of the famous palace on the island of Corfu, owned by William Hohenzollern when he was emperor of Germany, are to be sold at auction by the Greek government, which acquired the property during the war.

The articles to be sold include hundreds of pictures, statues and intimate relics of the ex-king and his family as well as the late Empress Elizabeth of Austria; who built and furnished the palace. The sale will begin late this month and will last several weeks.