

The Weather
Prediction Generally cloudy
Maximum yesterday 83
Minimum today 48

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 96
Minimum 44

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

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PN FAILURE CAUSED BY SEA WINDS

Failure of Favorable Trade Winds 500 Miles Out Made Non-Stop Flight Impossible Says Aviator—Carried Maximum Gas Supply—Crew Disappointed.

HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—All rested, all happy and all asleep, America's five new heroes of aerial navigation were at Pearl Harbor today recovering from their strenuous cruise of being cast about by vagrant winds in mid-Pacific for nine days on the seaplane PN-9 No. 1.

The men were ordered to bed at the hospital last night after their arrival here from Lihue aboard a steamer.

They were received with open arms by the island populace headed by Governor Wallace R. Farrington.

Every member of the crew was able to tell a sparkling story of their unprecedented adventure. John Rodgers, commander of the cruise, dictated a statement detailing the sensation which came to him during the nine-day trip and his associates in the flight augmented his story with details that made new history for the United States navy.

The statements revealed the innate modesty of every member of the crew. Each declined to take credit for his own daring acts of heroism, but all pointed to "Captain John's" optimism in the face of disaster and privation as the saving grace of the trying situation.

"Captain John" in turn poured his complaints on his subordinates, telling of their fortitude in the "drifting period."

The presence of carrier sharks which trailed in the wake of the drifting seaplane like buzzards, the ability to hear radio messages telling that the men were believed dead, the inability to dispel the messages of despair by failure of the radio generator which prevented broadcasting—all these conditions failed to dim the hope of reaching land unaided.

Only when they were picked up 15 miles from land by the submarine R-4 were they momentarily disappointed, for after drifting 400 miles they expected to move in to land unassisted.

Winds Disappointing.
Just before retiring last night a member of the crew was asked to give his opinion on the whole flight. He said the aviators had placed too much reliance on wind conditions in planning the flight.

"We figured to pick up the trade winds 500 miles from San Francisco," he said, "but it was more than 1000 miles before we had the wind on our tail and then it was only a slight wind."

"As for gasoline, we had all the gasoline we could carry, some 1300 gallons. Without wind we couldn't have and did not have enough to make it."

Didn't Want to Be Rescued.
HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—Disappointment followed here among members of the crew of the PN-9 No. 1 when the aircraft was picked up by the submarine R-4 at sundown on Thursday off the Hawaiian coast just 15 miles from land.

Members of the crew today explained that they "didn't want to be found just 15 miles offshore." They wanted to drift in the remaining distance, make the element of surprise upon their return to land greater, and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing the trip from San Francisco to Honolulu, while not without mishap, was made without assistance.

"To tell the truth," said William H. Powell, chief mechanic's mate on the seaplane, "we didn't want to be picked up on Thursday when we were only 15 miles from shore and were heading in nicely when sighted by the submarine R-4."

"After sailing nearly 400 miles it was our ambition to complete our journey under our own power." We had hopes of making it alone then, but of course, nothing but thanks and credit can be given to the submarine commander for picking us up. However, since the question was asked, to tell you the truth, we didn't want to be picked up.

Corvallis Man Is First Victim of 1925 Deer Season

NEWPORT, Ore., Sept. 12.—F. S. Hinkle of Corvallis, while moving through the brush on the Yachats river forty miles from Newport, was mistaken for a deer yesterday and shot through the abdomen. Efforts of three doctors to have his life were unavailing.

NEW AIRPLANE CAN FLY 4,500 MILES, NO STOP

Colonel Mitchell Urges U. S. Govt. to Establish Air Route to China From New York—Deplores Air Casualties—Praises Rodgers.

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 12.—In advocating the immediate decorating of Commander Rodgers and his men, Colonel Mitchell said today: "Their tenacity, good judgment and physical endurance were worthy of our highest type of American manhood."

The eighth corps area officer pointed out that 60 per cent of all deaths in the commissioned personnel of the army are suffered by the fliers.

"Our losses of fliers in time of peace exceeds those of some countries in time of war," Colonel Mitchell said.

His statement follows: "Commander Rodgers and the crew of the airplane should be decorated with the distinguished service medal for their feat in saving themselves from almost sure destruction in the Pacific. Their tenacity, good judgment and physical endurance are worthy of our highest type of American manhood."

"The loss of life at the present time among flying men is appalling. In connection with long distance flying, it is interesting to note that there are two airplanes in this country waiting to be finished that are of proved type and that are able to go 4,500 miles without taking fuel. Why should it not be a good scheme to fly with these overland from New York to Peking, stopping once at Nome, Alaska, for fuel and then going on to the Asiatic continent, with a total elapsed time from New York of from sixty to eighty hours, where now by steamship and rail it takes four or five weeks?"

"Think of the saving on commercial paper and bank exchange that would accrue from a service of this kind. Think of the advantage to business and the benefit to civilization. With a service of this kind it would not be necessary to take diphtheria serum from the south coast of Alaska by dog team to Nome, wasting time, freezing the serum, and not only getting it there late, but in a useless condition, when it could be sent from New York in a comparatively few hours."

"These are just a few of the things for people to think about." Declaring he did not want to boost the stock of any airship manufacturing concern, Colonel Mitchell declined to state where the two army transport airships he referred to are being built.

Colonel Mitchell told the Associated Press he hoped for an immediate show down on the charges he has made.

"It's the move of the American people now," he said, "I feel I have done my full duty in pointing out the defects in our service and suggesting remedies. I await the verdict and pleasure of the people of America."

Cloudy Weather Predicted.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The weather outlook for the week beginning September 12, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Generally fair weather but with considerable cloudiness on the coast, and normal temperature.

CALIFORNIA GIRL IS WINNER IN BEAUTY CONTEST

Pretty Stenographer From Alameda Declared Most Beautiful Girl in America—Los Angeles Girl Is Runner-Up—500,000 See Parade.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 12.—(A. P.) The crown of "Miss America" rests today on the blonde long tresses of Miss Fay Laupheimer of Alameda, Cal.

Miss Laupheimer, an "Miss California" won the title of the most beautiful woman in America by a twelve to three decision of the judges against 15 rivals from various cities last night. She was runner-up at last year's beauty pageant when Ruth Malcomson of Philadelphia won the title.

Miss Malcomson refused to compete this year because she charged "commercialism" permeated the event. Adrienne Adore, an "Miss Los Angeles," was runner up to Miss Laupheimer. The judges had sealed their ballots in two golden apples, "Miss Atlantic City," Lee Bartlett, cleaved open the apples last night in the grand ball room of the municipal pier before 12,000 persons.

The beauties passed in final review before 500,000 persons in a rolling chair parade along the board walk yesterday.

Miss Laupheimer, who is described by friends as a bashful, home-loving stenographer, who has never smoked a cigarette, has an opportunity now to join the movies.

The measurements of the hazel-eyed girl, now selected as the most perfect of the year in the United States follow:

Weight 138; height 5 feet 6 inches; neck 13 1/2 inches; bust 34 inches; waist 26 1/2 inches; hips 37 1/2 inches; arm length 28 inches; wrist 6 inches; calf 12 1/2 inches; ankle 8 inches.

COL. MITCHELL DELIGHTED BY ROGERS FORTUNE

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—Promotion of John Rodgers, commander of the PN-9 No. 1 to assistant chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics was warmly applauded today by Colonel William Mitchell, eighth corps area air officer.

"Rodgers is a capable and courageous flier and his promotion comes as a just reward for the peril and hardships he has so miraculously survived," Colonel Mitchell said.

"America cannot spare men of his type and should place them in positions where their knowledge will be of the greatest service."

"News of the rescue of Commander Rodgers and his companions is the best news I have received in many days."

Saturday Colonel Mitchell expects to have a conference with Colonel George Nugent, ordered here by the inspector general's department to investigate his charges.

Bucks President in Ship Tangle



President Coolidge is preparing to oust Bert E. Haney, Portland, Ore., as a member of the U. S. shipping board because of his alleged refusal to obey the White House's merchant marine policy.

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Mr. Cook was on the stand all day Friday. Cook admitted that he had urged his wife not to be so aggressive in some of her law enforcement ideas, but vigorously denied that there had ever been a break between them.

"I told her," he said to newspapermen, "that she ought not to take license numbers of cars that were carrying liquor and things like that. I never opposed most of her W. C. T. U. work, however."

The witness said he had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan for about six weeks and held his membership in Sioux City. Mrs. Cook was at the head of the Benton county Klan women's organization.

In answer to a question while on the stand he said that he did not drink. He said he had not played pool, billiards or poker for a number of years and was never in the habit of playing games of chance for money.

Mr. Cook, he said, had in the past objected to his taking part in such games and that had an influence on his dropping them. Cross-examination yesterday brought out Mr. Cook's hourly movements on the Sunday before the murder.

Unable to secure work in Sioux City he had left the employ of a monument works there and started for Vinton Labor day. He spent that night at Grundy Center and because of the muddy roads, did not arrive until Tuesday, many hours after the murder.

As he swung around the corner towards his house he saw flowers on the floor and the thought flashed across his mind that his aged mother-in-law, who lived with the Cooks, was dead.

When he pulled up at the curb, the daughter, Gertrude, ran up to him and said: "Mamma is gone."

Cook's action that afternoon were hazy in his mind and he remembered only vaguely inspecting the bullet that killed his wife and other incidents of the day.

Cook said he and his wife went to each other about twice a week during the five years that he has been working out of town. He said today they frequently talked over his coming places. He denied completely that his wife had ever objected to his staying at a Sioux City home for any other reason than that the room rent was so high.

STILL HUNTING FOR MURDERER W. C. T. U. LEADER

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Bible Marathon to Start in Boston On Monday at 9 A. M.

BOSTON, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—A Bible marathon contest will be started by members of the Adventist temple in this city Monday. It will be a race against time. At 9 a. m. Rev. Robert S. Fries, the pastor, will start to read aloud the first words of the first chapter of Genesis, twenty-five members of the church will be on the relay team, relieving each other fifteen minutes and continuing day and night until the entire Bible has been read. They figure that the last reader will reach the last word in Revelations Thursday morning.

RADIO OPERATOR SUCCEEDED IN ONE BROADCAST

Otto Stantz, Using Spark Coil in Place of Generator, Reached One Vessel, But Position of Plane Could Not Be Given.

HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—The frantic but systematic efforts of Otto Stantz, radio operator aboard the navy seaplane PN-9 No. 1 to construct a sending apparatus aboard the plane was told today by members of the crew who were landed at Pearl Harbor.

Stantz was able to receive broadcast messages and he remained up night and day with this duty. One of the messengers he picked up, told of the Shenandoah disaster. Another told of the conference of 21 commanders aboard the U. S. S. Langley at which the word was aired that hope was given up of finding Captain Rodgers and his men alive.

Reduced to radio terms, Stantz endeavored to construct a transmitter by using a spark coil in place of a generator, this effort was partially successful. One of the searching vessels heard the faint call of the PN-9, but couldn't recognize the signal long enough to get the position of the disabled seaplane.

"We managed to keep up our hopes by believing that Stantz would get his sending set in order," said Aviator Pilot Pope. "We can't give him too much credit for the way in which he worked night and day on that set of his."

"Yes," chimed in Stantz, "believe me, that is some set. While we were in the air we were in constant communication. We used an AC tube transmitter and it certainly proved its value to the navy."

The seaplane was equipped with a drooping antenna which went out of service when the plane was forced down. Stantz quickly constructed an aerial over the wings of the plane which permitted the reception of all messages, but without a generator he was unable to broadcast.

BANK ROBBER, A PAL OF MURRAY WELCHER

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—"Whitney" Watson, identified as one of the men who robbed the Aurora State bank last October, was a pal of Philip Carson, who tipped officers on Tom Murray a few weeks ago, Watson told officers before he was taken to Salem yesterday to await trial in the Marion county circuit court for his alleged part in the bank robbery.

Bank Robbery Foiled.
BLOOMSBURG, Pa.—A bank robbery was foiled when Jay Derr, a young clerk, with two men pointing pistols at him, dropped to the floor behind his counter and turned on a burglar alarm.

HEAD OF ASYLUM WHO PAROLED BOY MURDERER IS KICKED OUT

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—With four indictments returned in New Jersey against Harrison W. Noel, confessed murderer and kidnaper of six-year-old Mary Dale, the resignation is sought of Dr. John Thompson, senior physician of the Overbrook, N. J., asylum for defectives, from which Noel escaped two months ago. The demand is made by the Essex county board of freeholders, which declares Dr. Thompson granted a virtual parole to Noel.

U. S. ORDERS GUN BOATS TO CORINTO

Tulsa and Denver Dispatched to Nicaragua to Protect Americans in Revolution—Marines Also Sent—No Landing Will Be Ordered, Unless Americans in Danger

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—The gunboats Tulsa and Denver are proceeding from Panama to the ports of Corinto and Bluefields, Nicaragua, respectively, as a precautionary measure thought necessary by the American legation in Nicaragua due to the disturbed political situation in that country.

No landing operations are in contemplation as no American lives or property have been actually endangered.

The situation in Nicaragua is uncertain, because of the recent military coup in which all but the conservative members of the cabinet were ousted from office and liberal leaders were compelled to flee. The constitutional government is functioning with the conservative officials only on duty. No disorder has been reported.

The American legation has taken the position that it would be desirable to have warships available at each of the chief ports in the event the political situation takes a serious turn.

Each of the gunboats carries a force of marines in addition to its bluejacket complement.

BOYS SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPT TO GET BLACKMAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Sentences of from one to two and one-half years each in San Quentin state prison, were imposed in the superior court here today on Bliss Y. Baker and C. Russell Crawford after they had pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted extortion in connection with a plot to kidnap Mrs. Daniel C. Jackling, wife of the copper magnate, a few months ago. Baker is a student of the University of California, Crawford is a former student of the University of Oregon.

The youths succeeded in having Mrs. Jackling leave her apartment in the Hotel St. Francis through a faked telephone call. Simultaneously they made a demand through a messenger for \$50,000 from Jackling on the threat that his wife would be inoculated with deadly disease germs.

Quick work by the police prevented the carrying out of the kidnaping and resulted in the arrest of the youths while they were waiting for their victim to appear.

BOY ARRESTED FOR HAVING MOONSHINE

Stewart Boyden, 21, is at liberty on \$500 bonds charged with possessing a quantity of moonshine when arrested by local police yesterday in the Riverside apartment house. Boyden, who pleaded guilty, will be sentenced by Judge Taylor Monday.

He had been under the surveillance of local officials for sometime past, and only the night before had eluded capture with moonshine in his possession by throwing away the bottle in which it was contained when chased by members of the police force.

KLAMATH INDIANS TO GET \$200 APIECE FROM THE GOVERNMENT

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—A special dispatch from Washington says that verification of reports that the Klamath Indians have experienced three bad crop years, Secretary of Interior Work has authorized a general payment to them of \$200 each out of the tribal reserve receipts from timber sales. The aggregate payment to the tribe

members will amount to \$245,000 and 126 Indians will participate in it.

The treasury deposit credited to the Klamath reservation from which the payment will be made now amounts to \$268,000 and a constant income from timber sales is expected for the next twenty years. Contracts now in force are expected to bring in \$700,000 next year alone.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12.—(U. S. Bureau of Markets.) New York Friday pear market, 27 days California; 1 Colorado; 5 New York; ten Oregon; five Washington; 21 carloads New York by boat. Unreported Thursday 11 carloads New York by boat. Some California in mixed cars market steady. California Bartlett's 28 cars, best \$3.40 to 3.90; few \$4.00 to 4.50; ordinary \$3 to 3.25, ripe to over-ripe \$2.55 to 2.95; few \$1.75 to 2.45; average \$3.10; Hardys four cars, \$2.95 to 3.50; average \$2.40; Oregon Bartlett's 11 cars, best \$3.15 to 4.20; ordinary \$2.50 to 3.10; poorer \$1.50 to \$1.75; average \$2.92; fancy \$2.25 to 3.55; ordinary \$5 to \$2.85; average \$2.89; choice \$2.70 to 3.55; average \$3.15. Washington Bartlett's one car fancy \$2.75 to 3.15, average \$2.95.

Chicago's Friday market: Five California, one Colorado; one Illinois; three Oregon; one carload Michigan by boat; 31 cars on track including broken. California Bartlett's 618 boxes, \$1.10 to \$1.75, mostly \$3.20 to 3.75. Oregon Bartlett's 2102 boxes, \$2.50 to 4.55; mostly \$3.90 to 4.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Lillian Kee of Mapleton, Iowa, signed a confession here last night that she had slain her sixteen-year-old son with a safety razor blade in a Pullman car here last March 15.

Mrs. Kee said that the child was born in Kansas City, February 27. On the way to Sioux City, the child became fretful and when a sudden impulse seized her, she said, she slashed the baby's throat with a safety razor blade.

The confession solved the mystery of the finding of the body of the child by a small boy in the railroad yards later in the month.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Speculation for the rise continued unabated in today's brief session of the stock market. Easy money rates, favorable trade reports, rumors of higher dividends and other accepted bullish factors were brought forward by pool managers to explain the further appreciation in quoted values. Several new highs were recorded in the motor group, particularly by shares of the so-called quantity producers. Mail order and merchandising shares moved forward under the leadership of Sears Roebuck, which reached new high territory. The increased demand for soft coal arising from the suspension of anthracite mining was reflected in the steady accumulation of Pittsburgh and West Virginia, which crossed 81 to a record high. American Can duplicated the year's high of 248 but later fell back on profit taking. The closing was strong. Total shares approximated 800,000 shares.

Not Exactly Complimentary.
LANCASTER, Pa.—Accused of the murder of a man in a clump of bushes, Mrs. Billie Baxter says she thought she was shooting a hawk which had been stealing her chickens.

Hindy "Showered" Again.
NEUB, Germany.—Von Hindenburg was showered with flowers when he arrived in field marshal's uniform to attend maneuvers.

WORLD SERIES WILL START OCTOBER 7

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—The world's baseball series will open Wednesday, October 7, in the city winning the National League pennant. This was decided today at a meeting of Commissioner Landis and representatives of the Washington and Philadelphia clubs of the American league and Pittsburgh and New York clubs of the National League.

Two games will be played in the National league city, the next three in the American league city and the next two, if seven are necessary, in the National league city.

Doesn't Like the Name.
NEW YORK.—Grindell Matthews, who has arrived from London, is annoyed because his invention has been termed a "death ray." He says it is an electric beam.

Safe From the Crowd.
GREAT NECK, N. Y.—William K. Vanderbilt is building himself a private golf course.