

The Weather
 Prediction..... Cloudy, probable rain
 Maximum yesterday..... 73
 Minimum today..... 59
 Precipitation..... Trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum..... 9..... 78
 Minimum..... 3..... 52

Daily—Twentyfour Hours. Weekly—Fiftyfour Hours. MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1925. NO. 161

SUBMARINE RAMMED; CREW IMPRISONED

FATE OF 34 ABOARD IS NOT KNOWN

Submarine Sinks After Crash With Liner Off Boston Last Night—Rescue Boats at Scene—Hope for Survivors, Three Saved

NEWYORK, R. I., Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—The position of the submarine S-51, sunk off Block Island last night in a collision with the steamer City of Rome, was located today by rescue craft searching for the vessel. It was reported in a radio message to the Newport naval training station. There was no sign of life the message said but crews of the rescue ships were optimistic that some of the 34 men who went down with the submarine might be alive.

A later message said that the S-51 had been located by Lieutenant C. S. Hawkins, piloting a seaplane which had been flying over the vicinity of the disaster. The submarine lies in 23 fathoms of water.

Commander Lewis D. Causey, executive officer of the torpedo station here, said that it "looks bad" for those aboard the S-51 as air bubbles were coming to the surface.

BOSTON, Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—Thirty-four members of the crew of the submarine S-51 lay imprisoned at the bottom of the Atlantic today after their vessel was rammed last night by the steamer City of Rome of the Ocean Steamship company on her voyage from Savannah, Ga., to Boston.

Three survivors were picked up by the steamer and it was a matter of conjecture as to whether the remainder were drowned or were alive in the under water vessel.

While a fleet of rescue craft from Newport, R. I., New York City and New London, Conn., the submarine's base, was rushing out to the point 20 miles east of Block Island, where the disaster occurred, those on shore eagerly awaited news of the crash. The City of Rome was proceeding to Boston and Captain Diehl, her commander, gave no details in his first terse message to officers of the company. She was due to reach Boston some time this afternoon and it was stated she might not arrive before 4 or 5 o'clock.

Hope that the 34 men who went down with the S-51 might still be alive was increased when the destroyer Putnam, sent to the scene from the naval training station at Newport, sent a wireless message, saying they had discovered what apparently was a buoy made up of a bunch of life preservers.

Naval men at Newport expressed the hope that the buoy had been floated out of the sunken craft by members of the crew who might be alive and wanted to give their position beneath the water.

The men rescued by the City of Rome were Dewey Kille, M. S. Lira and A. Gier, all members of the engine room force, according to a message received at the Boston navy yard. "Nothing else could be found," said the message.

"An oil spot showed up where the S-51 went down."

At New London, from where the S-51 sailed on September 29 for a practice cruise, naval officers said the fact that oil showed on the surface of the water did not necessarily indicate that the craft was a total wreck. They said she might lie at the bottom of the 125 feet of water with all her hatches closed and many of the men in her alive.

Ships being rushed to the aid of the submarine besides the Putnam included a salvage ship with diving and hoisting apparatus from Newport; three submarines from New York and the submarine salvage ship Vulcan from New York.

Efforts were being made to communicate with another salvage ship

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PLANT WIZARD CREATES NEW TYPE OF SWEET CORN, ASTER, AND ROSE

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—Three new plant creations, a new type of sweet corn and new varieties of the aster and rose, have been created by Luther Burbank, plant scientist.

Pasadena Society Girl Fooled By Pseudo Bend, Or., Millionaire

PASADENA, Cal., Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—Robert A. Winthrop, who is said to have posed here as a millionaire and to have become engaged to be married to a young woman prominent in Pasadena society, was arrested today by private detectives on charges of felony and grand larceny from Bend, Ore. Winthrop is said to have confessed to having a wife living at Benson Hill, Mass.

PRISON GUARD SHOT IN BREAK NEAR TO DEATH

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 26.—Lute Savage, state penitentiary guard who was wounded by the escaping convicts Murray, Kelly and Willos, on August 12, when two other guards were killed, was reported today by his physician to be in a critical condition, though with possibly an even chance for recovery.

Savage was shot through the body, the bullet entering the abdomen under the heart.

Although his wound was at first believed to be fatal, he made rapid progress toward recovery and about ten days ago was released from the hospital. He suffered slight relapse, however, and was again sent to the hospital, where bronchial pneumonia developed. This, the physician says, may be attributed to his wound.

About midnight last night Savage's temperature suddenly arose in an alarming manner. He rallied later and his temperature dropped again.

Savage was off duty at the time Murray, Kelly, Willos and "Oregon" Jones made their break for liberty. The shot that wounded him was probably fired after guards J. M. Holman and John Sweeney and the convict, Oregon Jones, had been killed.

M'MILLAN SHIP IS SAFE AFTER GALES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—The MacMillan Arctic ship Bowdoin has put in at Jack Lane's bay north of Hopedale, Labrador, after the hardest battle of its career, having braved storms every mile of its way from Greenland.

NO CHANGE VOTED L. OF N. PERSONNEL

GENEVA, Sept. 26.—(A. P.) The sixth assembly of the League of Nations adjourned sine die at six o'clock this morning. The election of the six non-permanent members of the league council today resulted in no change resulted in no change in the composition of that body. Belgium, Brazil, Spain, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, and Uruguay continue as the non-permanent members.

Clearing House Report.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows excess reserve of \$19,228,749. This is an increase of \$34,993,379 compared with last week when a deficit in reserve of \$15,674,639 was reported.

SKIPPER OF LINER WILL FACE PROBE

NAVY TO INQUIRE INTO CONDUCT FOLLOWING CRASH AT SEA—LEFT WRECK SCENE—NO SIDELIGHTS ON SUBMARINE IS CLAIM.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The steamship City of Rome should have remained on the spot unless urgently impelled to leave after ramming the submarine S-51 last night, Secretary Wilbur declared today.

The conduct of the captain of the City of Rome, the secretary added, would be inquired into in connection with the investigation which will be ordered and if it were found that there had been any criminal act or negligence on his part, action would be taken against him.

ATHLETIC FIELD FENCE PROTEST BEFORE BOARD

Expect Settlement With Property Owners to Be Reached—Enclosed Field Necessary for Contests—List of Petitioners.

A hitch has arisen with regard to the proposed new athletic field enclosure of the high school, a plot of about 2½ acres directly west of a block from the old athletic field, or Holly street baseball grounds as it has been commonly known, and which is now a large portion of the new high school site.

This hitch is due to the fact that the residents of the streets adjacent to the new athletic field are opposed to the school board putting up the old athletic field eight foot high board fence to enclose the new athletic field, on the ground that it damages their properties. A city ordinance prohibits the erection of a board fence more than four feet high.

The school board recognizes the fact that the high school athletic field must be enclosed because admission is charged for witnessing the games, and also because such grounds must be enclosed to enable teams to have secret practice.

On the other hand, the protesting property owners who feel an interest in high school activities, recognizing this fact hope that they and the school board can get together on some amicable arrangement by which a more slightly enclosed area could be had.

The school board at its meeting last night threshed over the matter in all its phases and decided to tender the protestors a proposition for a more slightly enclosed area.

If the board and the property owners affected cannot get together on a friendly solution, then the board must abandon the athletic field for a new location outside the city limits, which can be fenced in by a high board fence.

The situation is a very embarrassing one as the new athletic field, the purchase of which is now in dispute, was purchased or contracted for by the board from the city, former owner of the ground, for \$1000, and the board already has spent \$1200 on improvements on the field, such as grading and draining and getting it ready for enclosure. The old athletic field board fence was moved to the new field some time ago and lies there flat on the ground ready for erection as soon as the dispute with the property owners is adjusted.

In the meantime this fence cannot be put up, and hence this afternoon's football game on the field was not enclosed.

The following is the signed protest or petition presented to the school board:

"We, the undersigned property owners who will be directly affected to the detriment of our property values and our personal comfort, by the erecting of an unsightly and objectionable fence around the athletic field on West Second street, hereby pledge ourselves to the support of an injunction to stop such erecting of such a board fence, and agree to share equally in the expense of such an injunction. It is agreed, however, to submit our wishes and demands to the school board for their information prior to any drastic action on our part."

M. C. Page, 315 North Peach street.
 Fred Purdin, 335 West Holly street.
 George W. Laidley, 513 West Second street.
 Mrs. C. N. Bassett, 419 West Second street.
 C. N. Bassett, 419 West Second street.
 A. R. Hedges, 413 West Second street.
 C. F. Olson, 301 Peach street.
 Vern Van Dyke, 311 Peach street.
 Mrs. M. C. Page, 315 North Peach street.
 Ine Van Dyke, 311 North Peach street.
 E. S. Hedberg, 219 North Peach street.
 Elsie N. Olson, 301 North Peach street.
 Louise E. Hedges, 413 West Second street.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whiteman, 513 West Second street.
 Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Paul, 406 West Second street.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schulz, 405 West Second street.
 Mrs. George Laidley, 513 West Second street.
 Mrs. A. Swartz.
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 Mrs. Fred Purdin, 335 West Holly street.

Spanish Victory.
 PARIS, Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—Advices received by the Exchange Telegraph agency here say rumors that the Spanish forces have captured Abd-el-Krim, leader of the Rifian rebels, were circulated in Madrid today.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—The American and French war debt negotiators have adopted a policy of discussing the differences over the teacups.

With the formal negotiations at a standstill over the week-end, Secretary Mellon today accepted an invitation to lunch with M. Caillaux and others of the French commission at the French embassy.

The function was arranged as the first of a series of daily luncheons at which the principals in the negotiations will seek the common ground of understanding they have not thus far discovered in the more formal exchanges of the conference room.

M. Caillaux apparently found the new method of negotiation more to his taste than the somewhat sharp passages through which they began two days ago. He had made no effort last night to conceal his disappointment at the tenor of the American reply to his first proposal of settlement but today he seemed more cheerful.

While the French have been informed that their offer of an initial payment of \$25,000,000, with graduated increases over a long period, was wholly inadequate in the American view, the memorandum presented by Mr. Mellon was represented as not to be construed as in any way or sense a counter-proposal. Thus the way is left open for further settlement suggestions from the French and it appeared today that the next move rested with them.

It was the general expectation that Finance Minister Caillaux, the French commission chairman, will have a new offer to present, either today or Monday.

The trend of the negotiations so far has caused no lessening of the optimism either of Secretary Mellon or M. Caillaux as to reaching an ultimate agreement. Despite the wide divergence of views between the two commissions, it was recalled that the situation was almost paralleled at this stage by the differences which arose during the conversations on the British funding settlement.

Meanwhile, Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee, has taken a new angle in pressing for a settlement of the French debt on the general basis of the British debt settlement. In requesting Secretary Mellon and Hoover for full information concerning recent loans made in this country to European nations, Senator Borah declared that if, as he had been informed, such loans were carrying interest rates of 6 and 8 per cent, the foreign debtor nations can well meet the terms of the British settlement.

SPECIAL AIDE TO HEAR TRIAL IN HATE-TORN KELSO

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 26.—Hite Imus, prosecuting attorney for Covall county, Sheriff Clark Studebaker and Nat R. Smith, mayor of Kelso, returned from Olympia last night after a conference with Governor Roland H. Hartley and Attorney General Dunbar and announced that, at their request, the attorney general assured them that a special prosecutor will be appointed at once to investigate the Thomas J. Dovere murder mystery.

"Because of the bitterness of the political factions here we thought it advisable to ask the state to appoint a special prosecutor who would be untrammelled by prejudice," friends and enemies in the effort to run down the Dovere mystery, prosecuting attorney Imus said.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—Appointment of Assistant Attorney General R. G. Sharpe as a special prosecutor in the case of murder of Thomas Dovere, Kelso editor, was announced here today by Attorney General John H. Dunbar.

Other than to state that he would go to Kelso Monday morning to commence his investigation into the case, Mr. Sharpe said he had no statement to make.

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SUSPECT AURORA BANK HOLD UP TO FACE TRIAL

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SALEM, Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—The case of the state against Clyde (Whitney) Watson, who is held in the county jail here under accusation of being one of a trio who robbed the bank at Aurora, Ore., on October 29, 1924, when Mrs. Robert Brock, who was in the bank at the time failed to identify him. Watson was, however, bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Small with his bond fixed at \$5000.

Although Mrs. Brock failed to identify Watson he was identified by Miss Grace Patch of Canby, who was employed in an office across the street from the bank, and had a clear view of the robbers and who declared on the witness stand today that Watson was one of them.

The state had expected the testimony of Mrs. Brock to strengthen instead of weaken its case. The witness had not been given an opportunity prior to the preliminary hearing today to see the prisoner but Miss Patch had previously been allowed to see him and had identified him at Astoria after his arrest on the robbery charge.

Watson and his attorney declare that the small blond man, whom Miss Patch identifies as Watson, was undoubtedly a man named Charles Nygren, afterward killed by a police officer at Buckley, Wash., while attempting a robbery at that place.

Other witnesses today were Louis M. Reese and Vernon Hoy, both of whom were employed in a logging camp in Clatsop county with Watson and who were held in jail as suspects with him at Astoria. Both signed statements that were somewhat damaging to Watson. Neither offered anything today that was damaging to him relative to the Aurora robbery.

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HERRIN HAS WOE, NOT SELF-MADE

HERRIN, Ill., Sept. 26.—Three coal miners were entombed and another severely injured today in a gas explosion at mine No. 7 of the Consolidated Coal company near here. Only slight hope was held for bringing out the entombed men alive.

Schooner Capsizes.

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. Sept. 26.—(A. P.)—Captain Joseph Vatcher of the 55-ton schooner Inez G., of Burgeo, Newfoundland and five seamen were drowned last night when their vessel capsized about three miles off Lingan, while making for North Sydney for shelter.

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