

The Weather
 Prediction..... Unsettled
 Probable rain.....
 Maximum yesterday..... 65.5
 Minimum today..... 43

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum..... 83
 Minimum..... 39

Daily—Twenty-four Hours.
 Weekly—Fifty-four Hours.

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2 BODIES ON U-BOAT RECOVERED

Effort to Raise Submarine Fails, So Divers Start to Bring Up the Dead—Battery Room Is Filled With Wreckage and Door of Control Room Found Open.

U. S. S. SUBMARINE BASE, NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 29.—(A. P.) The forward end of the battery room of the S-51 which was sunk Friday night in a collision with the steamer City of Rome, is filled with wreckage, the divers reported to the commander of the submarine base today. The divers were unable to pass through the door of the control room which was open, because of the interference of their heavy, cumbersome suits with the ship's structure.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 29.—Hopes had taken wings today in the minds of workers who probed the depths of the ocean in their efforts to save men in the submarine S-51 which was sunk last Friday night in a collision with the Savannah line steamer City of Rome.

Baffled at every turn in their efforts to haul the submerged ship up from her bed of sand at the bottom of the sea, the men were forced to admit that only the slimmest of chances remained for any of the 33 men who went down with their vessel to be alive. And still, no one could be found who would say he believed all of the men were dead.

Hoped Last Night Even after wind-tossed waves forced the wrecking boats to halt their efforts to pull the craft to the surface, the officers believed that two divers who were sent down would be able to force air into the water-tight compartments in which it was still believed some of the men were able to shut themselves before the rush of the sea enveloped them.

Then came word that nature again had interfered by the ebb and flow of strong tides in the 23 fathoms of water they invaded. They were unable to steer themselves to the opening in the battery hatch which they had sought to enter and the force of the tides swept them perilously near the tangled wires of loop and radio antennae.

Lieutenant Commander H. A. Flanagan, executive officer at the plant, has steadfastly refused to give up his belief that some of the men might be alive.

"Those fellows know how to act in a case like that," he told newspapermen in an early morning talk. It is hard to believe that some of them would not have presence of mind enough to slam shut the door of a watertight compartment when they felt the thud as they were struck. And I refuse to believe that they could live for only 72 hours with the air supply they had. Men have lived longer than that in submerged submarines. They would not be foolish enough to move around and use up their air supply but would ease it out of the oxygen bottles gradually and lie still. The fact that divers have heard no sounds indicates nothing. They would not go chasing around like a bull pup every time they happened to hear a sound above their heads."

The executive's reference to 72 hours was in answer to statements that that was the "deadline" of time for the men to live with the air supply at hand.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—In the air and under the sea men worked today in their search for the bodies of victims of the S-51, which went down Friday when she was rammed by the steamer City of Rome, 14 miles off Block Island. The first body recovered was that of John L. Gibson, engineer first-class, and was found in the battery room of the ship by deep sea divers who resumed

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Mayor Hylan Again Declares He Won't Run Independently

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—Mayor John F. Hylan today made a matter of formal record his intention to retire to private life at the end of his present term and thus virtually eliminated the possibility of an independent ticket in the November mayoralty election.

ASSESSORS TO BE QUERIED BY GOV'NOR PIERCE

State Executive Issues a Warning That He Will Ask Assessors if They Have Obeyed Law Regarding Personal Property Tax.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 29.—Governor Pierce today made public a letter to the assessors of the state warning them that at the assessors' meeting to be held in Salem in the near future the governor, as chairman of the state tax commission, will ask them if they have complied with the law requiring the assessment of personal estate and personal property. Inasmuch as the assessors appear already to have been made state and county officials here say the governor's letter is probably too late to bring any results. Whether personal property is being assessed generally by the assessors of the state is a question that could not be answered here today.

The governor quotes "a prominent and well-informed banker in the city" who, Governor Pierce says, recently said to him:

"Within a very short time there will be practically no value left in city or farm property unless there is a more equitable distribution of taxes. The present system of collecting principally from land all the money necessary for maintenance of schools and government simply means the confiscation of all value therein."

"I have been saying this for years," writes the governor, "and to have it confirmed by a man of opposite political faith, in a man in whose bank there are large amounts of stocks and bonds of municipalities and business enterprises outside of Oregon, confirms me in the belief that owners of farm and city property are facing a crisis in the state of Oregon."

The law cited by the governor reads: "The terms 'personal estate' and 'personal property' shall be construed to include all things in action, household furniture, goods, chattels, moneys and gold dust, on hand or in deposit, all boats or vessels, whether at home or abroad and all capital invested therein; all debts due or to become due from solvent debtors, whether on account contract, note, mortgage, or otherwise, either within or without this state; all public stocks; all bonds, warrants and moneys due or to become due from this state, or any county or municipal subdivision thereof; and stocks and shares in incorporated companies liable to taxation on their capital as shall not be invested in real estate; and all improvements made by persons on lands claimed by them under the law of the United States, the fee of which lands is still vested in the United States."

Since the enactment of the above provision, household goods have become exempt by law.

The governor adds that an opinion of the attorney general has held that the statute as quoted is to be interpreted just as it reads.

He declares that repeal of the state income tax law from which \$2,670,000 has been collected, with more to come, has increased the burden on real property.

"I feel that as governor of this state," the letter concludes, "I would be derelict in my duty if I

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SHENANDOAH COMMANDER IS BLAMED

Weather Expert On Ill-Fated Dirigible Testifies He Advised Lansdowne to Change Course 30 Minutes Before Storm Struck—Mrs. Lansdowne Is Called.

LAKEHURST, N. J., Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—Commander Zachary Lansdowne was advised and did not heed the advice to change the airship Shenandoah's course to the south at least half an hour before the craft was sucked into the storm that wrecked her.

This statement was made today before the naval court of inquiry here by Lieutenant Joseph B. Anderson, weather expert on board the craft. The captain did not change the course because Anderson could not point to a specific danger signal in the skies to warrant a change.

"If the ship had been turned south," Anderson said in reply to a question, "we certainly would not have been in the position we were. We would have been to the south but what conditions were there I do not know."

"It is my belief that had we turned south we would have had a better chance of avoiding the disaster." "How long was it from the time you gave the advice to turn south before the ship got into the storm?" asked Judge Advocate Foley.

"I can only estimate, but I am sure it was considerably more than half an hour, probably an hour before." "Do you consider that had the Shenandoah had more speed she could have avoided the storm?"

"To me there seems to be no doubt that had she had more speed this tragedy would not have occurred."

"Had you been in command of the ship and had definite knowledge of meteorological conditions would you have turned from the prescribed course?" asked Rear Admiral Jones, president of the court.

"That would have been a hard decision to make," Anderson said. "But I do believe at least for a short while I would have made a turn to the south."

"At what time would you have changed?" "When I saw the storm backing into the west."

"Was it at that time that you made the suggestion?" "I made it as early as I saw the storm."

LAKEHURST, N. J., Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne, widow of Commander Zachary Lansdowne, captain of the Shenandoah, accepted today the invitation of the naval court of inquiry to appear and make a statement.

Mrs. Lansdowne's telegram to the court suggested no date for her appearance other than it be made at the latest possible time. It may be that she will not be heard here, but in Washington, if it finally is decided to transfer the inquiry to that city, Mrs. Lansdowne is now in Washington.

After the Shenandoah wreck Mrs. Lansdowne was quoted as having said that Commander Lansdowne was reluctant to make the mid-western trip because of the danger of thunder storms.

The "Daily" Bank Robbery

SEATTLE, Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—Two of three men who held up the Queen City bank in Seattle today and obtained \$5000 were captured and identified as T. H. Johnson and James Burns. Johnson and Burns, with four other prisoners broke from the King county jail here September 15. The third robber was captured later.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Yesterday's pear market: Twelve California; ten New York; thirty Oregon; seven Washington; eleven New York by boat.

Oregon Bartlett's: Three cars. Extra \$3.25 @ 5.50; average \$3.98; fancy \$3.00 @ 3.95; average \$3.61.

The Noted Dead

PARIS, Sept. 29.—Leon Bourgeois, eminent French statesman and former premier, is dead.

M. Bourgeois died at his country home at Oger, in the department of the Marne. Death was due to a sudden attack of uremia following a long period of illness.

Rabbi's Daughter "Ben Hur" Star



When "Ben Hur" is finally revealed to motion picture fans after two years of delay, they'll see the daughter of a rabbi in the role of "Iris." Carmel Myers has the part. She is shown as she appears in the picture.

CARPENTER RANCH HOUSE BURNS, GAS CO. SUFFERS FIRE

Approximately \$1000 worth of property was destroyed last night by two fires outside the city, one of which was at the Leonard Carpenter ranch and the other at the Southern Oregon Gas company plant near Phoenix. The former is believed to have been caused by defective wiring, while the latter is attributed to spontaneous combustion. The local fire department did very efficient work in putting both blazes under control by the use of chemicals.

The laundry house on the Carpenter ranch burned to the ground about 8:30 last evening, destroying clothing and laundry together with machinery and the building. The residence, which is located on an eminent knoll east of the city with other buildings, was badly scorched and had been for the efforts of the firemen, who used 72 gallons of chemicals in fighting the blaze. The loss was covered by insurance.

The flames were plainly visible last evening for miles in all directions, casting their ruddy glow to the heavens, and a large crowd gathered.

The Southern Oregon Gas company suffered an approximate loss of \$500 according to N. E. Bohall, an official. The fire originated in a large coal pile and had been smoldering, it is believed, for several days before it broke out into flame about 10:30 last night.

The fire was very difficult to fight, as it burned at the bottom and in the center of a pile containing several carloads of coal, about 150 tons. Several tons had to be thrown aside before local firemen could throw a stream of chemicals on the flames, which cast a heavy black smudge.

The firemen did not leave the scene until after midnight, and after they had used 40 gallons of chemicals.

The gas company then kept a crew of men busy turning the coal in different positions. At 2 o'clock a. m., the fire again broke out, but after a short time the flames were put under control. Today the coal pile is still smoldering and it is expected to continue until the coal has been completely turned by a crew of men, whose duty it will be to continue after the fire is completely out to prevent a fresh start.

Spontaneous combustion in the coal pile is said to have resulted from water from recent rains soaking into the center. The fuel used in the company's new process of gas manufacture was shipped here from Marshfield. It had been the original plan to use Roxy Ann coal, but that material was not found in sufficient quantities. However, it is probable that it will be used next year after several months have been spent developing the mine.

TALENT DISTRICT EXHIBIT MAKES A HIT, STATE FAIR

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 29.—The non-competitive basis on which county exhibits were arranged this year at the state fair has brought out appreciation of the change. Myrtle wood products, white cereals and dairy products are featured in their booth.

Douglas county shows some fine grapes and apples. It is advertised as "the county of diversified crops." Klamath is well represented by lemons, oranges and forage crops.

The Talent irrigation district of Jackson county has a booth to itself and is making a fine showing, with some splendid specimens of potatoes and general products.

CRATER L. SEASON CLOSES, LODGE IS SHUT FOR WINTER

This was the last day of the official Crater lake season, which winds up tomorrow morning when immediately after breakfast at the lodge the remainder of the crew of employees there will depart on their homes from here. It is expected that by early morning all of the lodge equipment will have been snugly packed up and stored for the winter, and that the stages will get away for Medford by 7 or 7:30 A. M., leaving the lodge in the hands of a caretaker.

There are no guests at the lodge unless some arrived today in their own cars from Medford or Klamath Falls, as the up-bound stages today had no passengers.

The five stages with their twenty or more lodge employees, on reaching Medford tomorrow will continue on through to Portland, where the stages will be stored for the winter. As a number of these employees are from Portland and points in between Medford and that city, these will remain on the stages until their homes are reached.

After tomorrow Crater national park will be practically in its winter loneliness, as the last of the park and headquarters office employees came down to the city last Saturday, except Arthur Moen, secretary of Superintendent C. G. Thomson, and one or two rangers, and Mr. Moen will come down to the city in a few days for the winter. The rangers may remain on duty for some time yet and the

Money Arrives Too Late; Grieving Wife Takes Poison, Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—When William Howard, proprietor of a rooming house here went today to the room of Mrs. Henri Meunier, 54, to deliver a letter from her husband, which she had been waiting for, he found the woman dead from drinking poison.

Howard said Mrs. Meunier had been dependent because she had not heard from her husband who was working in the harvest field at Scio, Mont.

The letter delivered today contained a money order for \$50.

DESTRUCTION OF BRITISH EMPIRE CONFERENCE AIM

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—While more than 200 delegates to the inter-parliamentary union conference in Washington are here in the interests of world peace, hundreds of police are guarding the visitors against hostile demonstrations from communists, Irish republican sympathizers, anti-fascists and other groups.

The arrival of Irish, Italian and British delegations have occasioned hostile and even violent outbursts and police have been detailed to escort the visitors about the city. Guards are stationed at various hotels and special precautions are taken at all meetings of individual groups.

Protest against the administration's exclusion of Shapurji Saklatvala, communist member of parliament, from the British delegation was discussed at a meeting last night arranged by the Civil Liberties union. A resolution was adopted charging the action of secretary of state as "a violation of American traditions," "an offense to the British people" and "contrary to the principle of free speech."

Rennae Smith, British delegate, said: "If we are to discriminate as to what accredited members are to attend these meetings (of the inter-parliamentary union) the whole spirit of the meetings fails."

Frank P. Walsh was cheered when he said: "We all want to destroy the British empire."

The delegates after arrival of German representatives leave for Washington by special train tomorrow.

Oregon Supreme Court Decisions

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 29.—The following opinions were handed down today by the supreme court: George Speight vs. Louis V. Simonsen, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; suit for damages.

Walter H. Egan affirmed. Judge Credit vs. Peter company, appellant, vs. F. E. Peters, appeal from Multnomah county; suit arising out of a writ of attachment. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge W. N. Gatens affirmed.

National Surety company, appellant, vs. J. Harris Johnson; appeal from Multnomah county; suit for alleged violation of contract. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge Robert G. Morrow affirmed.

Julian Coblenz vs. A. Jaloff, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; suit for damages for personal injury. Opinion by Justice Belt. Judge George W. Stapleton affirmed on condition that plaintiff enter a renititute in sum of \$321 within thirty days.

Petitions for the rehearings in Tullock vs. Cockrum; Wallace vs. American Life Insurance company and Long Botham vs. Takeoka.

work of paving the roads in the park will continue until stopped by winter weather. Superintendent and Mrs. Thomson are expected home this week from Mesa Verde national park. After tomorrow anyone visiting the park will find no dining or sleeping arrangements there and must take to their own provender and sleeping outfits.

MITCHELL FLAYS U. S. AIR HEADS

Stormy Petrel Declares Army General Staff Is Incompetent and Navy Heads Asleep—Leaders to Blame for Impoverished and An Inadequate Air Service.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(A. P.) Colonel William Mitchell, who precipitated the aircraft row, today

poored another avalanche of criticism on the heads of those charged with administering the nation's air services.

Testifying before the president's air board, he assailed the army general staff, declared it incompetent to draft air policies and placed upon its officers the blame for what he described

as an impoverished and inadequate air defense.

The colonel also dropped verbal bombs on the navy, charging its ranking officials with looking upon aviation as a subordinate adjunct of defense. He advocated pushing the fleet to sea to fight "where it belongs."

Colonel Mitchell, called after Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin D. Foulois, commandant of Mitchell field, Long Island, had testified, reiterated his demand for a national defense which he declared should be established by congress.

Discussing in detail the Pacific situation, Colonel Mitchell said: "On the coast of Asia we find Japan, owning or aspiring to own all the islands from Kamchatka to the straits of Malacca. The aspirations of this people are to control all ingress and egress to the continent of Asia, halt the population of the world, and to hold Asia for the Asiatics—a perfectly laudable ambition. North of them lies the territory belonging to Russia, the enigma of the present civilized world."

"It is not by way of Honolulu that an adversary is coming to this country, because the broad sea area is too great to insure the safety of surface vessels against air and submarine attack."

"If we are required to defend ourselves against an Asiatic power or combination of Asiatic powers, led by Japan, their line of operations would certainly extend north along the Kurile islands, to Kamchatka and across the Bering sea to Alaska by way of the Aleutians and Bering straits."

"Supposed that we are attacked both on the Pacific and on the Atlantic by a combination of both European and Asiatic powers. An air force can be used along the Atlantic coast and within 36 hours can be applied on the Pacific coast, or vice versa."

The colonel declared there "was absolutely and unqualifiedly no seeking for government position, no political affiliation or hidden purpose behind my stand."

Noiseless airplanes, he asserted, will be used in the next war to make detection more difficult and they will drop anti-aircraft torpedoes and glide bombs.

"The anti-aircraft gun," he said, "is no good in battle." At one point during the colonel's testimony an elderly woman left the room in hysterics.

"I can't stand it; I can't stand it," she cried, presumably referring to the witness' vivid description of an air battle in France.

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LA FOLLETTE'S FATE IS BEING DECIDED IN WISCONSIN TODAY

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 29.—(A. P.)—Votes cast in a state-wide election today will decide whether Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., is to succeed his father as United States senator or whether one of the four other candidates will be elevated to this high national honor. The others are: Edward F. Dithmar, William G. Bruce, John M. Work and George Gauman.

LaFollette is the republican nominee, but has announced himself as endorsing the platform of the LaFollette-Wheeler party in 1924 and has attacked the Coolidge administration. Dithmar and Bruce are running as independents. Work is the socialist-labor nominee, but has made no campaign.

ANOTHER BRUMFIELD CASE IS DISCOVERED IN NEW YORK TOWN

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Investigators of three counties today sought to solve the burning to death last Friday of a man at first believed to have been Fred G. Beale, local insurance man, in an automobile accident near Hancock, and the discovery yesterday of a looted grave in the vicinity.

Police yesterday stopped the funeral services over the body, charged beyond recognition and withheld identification of the corpse which had been dis-

interred and removed from the cemetery near the scene of the accident. Suspicion was aroused after the open grave was discovered. Further unexplained circumstances led to an investigation. Last Friday the insurance agent wired his wife that he would return late last night but he failed to reach home. The next day his car, wrecked and burned, was found near Hancock with the body in it.