

The Weather	
Prediction	Generally cloudy
Maximum yesterday	73
Minimum today	33

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	90
Minimum	40

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SUNDAY GALE EAST COAST LEAVES RUIN

Atlantic and Southern States Suffered — 500 Homes In Woburn, Mass., Destroyed — Tornado Racks Alabama.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—(A. P.)—A disastrous Sunday gale swept the middle and north Atlantic states. An 85-mile an hour rain-bearing wind caused seven deaths and much property damage in five states. At Woburn, Mass., 500 houses were shattered and troops were called out. Seven navy seaplanes were striven on the beach at Baltimore, with seven demolished. Ocean and coastal shipping was demoralized.

The fatalities were:

New York City—Expectant mother dragged from fifth-story window by wind-whipped clothesline. Mother and child died after Caesarian operation. Two fishermen drowned in a capsized motorboat off Rockaway Point.

Baltimore—Child killed by falling tree.

Paterson—Child killed by falling walk.

Woburn—National guardsman killed by falling tree while repairing automobile.

Several towns were in darkness last night and others were cut off from wire communication.

Greatest damage apparently was in Woburn, Mass., where Mayor Thomas H. Duffy has issued an appeal to contractors to cease their regular building work and concentrate on repairing shattered homes.

Mayor Curley of Boston has telegraphed a relief offer.

With 500 houses unroofed or with walls caved in and the streets a mass of tangled wires and wreckage, looting began in that city, a residential and manufacturing suburb of Boston, and a national guard company was called out to keep order.

Two women are in a hospital, one seriously injured by the falling spire of Unitarian church.

Seafaring men in New York said it was the worst storm known in years. The two-masted schooner Columbia was saved by the coast guard cutter Karitan in New York harbor, less than 100 feet from the rocks of Governor's Island, after both her anchors were torn away. The tug DeBardeleuf returned to port after losing in the storm a drydock she had in tow.

Two women and 15 men were rescued by a coast guard patrol off Sandy Hook after drifting for hours on a string of 12 empty barges, which were abandoned.

Forty feet of shed over a Brooklyn elevated railway station were torn off, the roof of a five-story tenement was pulled off and a 24-inch smokestack weighing several tons toppled from a five-story office building without injuring anyone.

TROY, Ala., Oct. 26.—(A. P.)—Residents of many portions of Pike, Barbour and Crenshaw counties today were endeavoring to bring order out of chaos that resulted from a tornado which claimed a known toll of 17 lives, injured many, rendered hundreds homeless and left thousands of dollars damage in its wake.

Troy Red Cross forces and local physicians were ministering to the needs of injured and were assisting the stricken people to orient themselves.

A relief fund was subscribed here yesterday afternoon and made available to the relief workers who went into the field.

The tornado seemed to have its origin in Crenshaw county, where it swept down with tremendous force, tearing its way across the breadth of Pike county and on eastward into Barbour, where it appears to have spent itself.

Near Luverne, county seat of Crenshaw, two were killed, both of them aged, and one past 100 years of age.

The death toll could not be completed as to names owing to the widely scattered districts, some of them remote from telephone and telegraph communication and the general impairment to wires by the tornado.

Just Boys
OAKLAND—A desperate attempt for freedom by youths at the Alameda county juvenile detention home, was frustrated after one of the boys armed with a piece of iron pipe seriously injured James Page, 66 year old guard.

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much spare time; lack of religious teaching in the home; too few family meals together and the "propensity of parents to travel without their children."

A few delegates, however, asserted that some of the older folks had "bad memories" when it came to their own youth, and William D. Murray of Plainfield, N. J., went so far as to say, "I believe in the younger generation."

"The fact is," he recalled, "that the young fellows of your day and of mine had petting parties just the same as they do today, only they were more under cover and we didn't say so much about it."

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Believe Suicide Fake To Cover-Up Death From Bootleg Poison

EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 26.—The body of Gustave Bearson, 56, a retired farmer, was found hanging to a tree in the Sunnyside district, five miles north of here, today. The authorities believe that Bearson was hanged after he had been poisoned and killed by bootleg whisky, the hanging having been done by the man who gave him the whisky.

Bearson's feet were touching the ground and there was no evidence of strangulation. Nearby was found a whisky still and at Bearson's feet was an empty whisky flask. The man had been missing for ten days.

ASYLUM ESCAPE WITH RIFLE IS TAKEN AT CABIN

Cyril Siegryst, 22, Defies Oden Brothers—Sheriff and Deputy Wreck Car En Route—Surrender At Daylight By Insane Man.

Cyril Siegryst, 22, an escapee from the state insane asylum at Salem, committed from Marshfield, was captured by the sheriff's office yesterday morning three miles above Bybee Springs, where he had taken possession of a cabin used by W. J. and James Oden as riding headquarters in rounding up stock. Siegryst will be taken to Salem tomorrow by an asylum attendant.

According to the sheriff's office, Siegryst had threatened to shoot the Oden brothers when they returned to the cabin Saturday night after riding range that day. W. J. Oden arrived first. Siegryst was sitting on the cabin porch leveling at him a high powered rifle belonging to the brothers.

"Come one step closer," the insane man yelled, "and I'll kill you." Mr. Oden then left.

A short time later James Oden arrived. To him Siegryst made the same threat, but weakened when he noticed that he carried a gun also. However the insane man did not lay the rifle away. The sheriff and two deputies were then summoned.

Arriving at 11 o'clock that night, Sheriff Jennings, with Deputies Lynn Fonercock and Lewis Jennings, not knowing whether Siegryst was still in the cabin, threw several rocks on the house to ascertain. Immediately the insane man fired the rifle through one of the windows.

The men decided to wait until daylight and at that time advanced to a rear door and knocked. After waiting a short interval Siegryst came out unarmed and surrendered himself to the officers, who then brought him to Jacksonville. The man stated he was going to Washington to harvest wheat. However, he was taking a southern route to reach that northern state. In the county jail Siegryst has resigned himself to his fate and at times talked intelligently and at other times does not. He is not violent.

The officers were delayed enroute to the cabin, having suffered a wreck when Sheriff Jennings' car failed to make a turn near Wilmer. The car fell down an 18-foot embankment, but was not so badly damaged that it did not continue to run. The top was smashed and the windshield shattered but none of the occupants were injured.

VET WHO KNEW GRANT, AND IN 1845 WAR, DEAD

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 26.—Robert Starkey, 97, the oldest survivor in Oregon of the Mexican war, died at the Oregon Soldiers' Home this morning following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Starkey came to the state institution about a year ago from Marshfield.

He was born in New York state in 1828 and enlisted in the United States navy while in his early teens, sailing the seas for the greater part of his life. During the Mexican war he was in transport service and was aboard the vessel which conveyed the troops out of Vera Cruz.

U. S. Grant, then a lieutenant, later the great general of Civil war fame, was aboard the boat and became personally acquainted with Mr. Starkey.

As a sailor he made a number of trips to Europe and Asia. He was around Cape Horn four times. Although he had circled the globe he had never been on the eastern coast of America, his service in this country having kept him on the Pacific coast.

He was possessed of a remarkably clear memory, even up to the time of his last illness. He was quite well known in the southern part of the state in recent years for historical articles written in various newspapers.

Death Toll of the Automobile

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—A. B. Hansen, employed by the Rodgers Paper company, has lain unconscious for more than 30 hours in a local hospital as a result of injuries received when an automobile pitched into the ditch on the Salem-Dallas highway between Gola and Derry early Sunday. Mrs. Hansen received a broken arm and P. G. Jewett of Salem was unconscious while being brought to Salem from the scene of the accident. He is at his home and is in a serious condition. Hansen's skull is fractured but his condition was more favorable today.

MADISON, Conn.—A golden headed eagle seven feet from wing tip to wing tip, caught in a rosebush while stealing chickens and killed after a fight with a farmer, is to be sent to the Museum of Natural History in New York.

PARIS—News now leaks out that Reed Sobot put his feet on the globe as the French debt negotiations in Washington ended.

VIENNA—The score of a mass composed by Carl Maria von Weber and thought to have been lost in a fire in 1893 has come to light.

PURCHASE OF J'VILLE ROAD IS ADVISED

If Buyer Does Not Appear By Nov. 10, Owner Given Right To Dismantle, By Findings—Citizens Urged To Take Action.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—The public service commission today issued an order for disposal of the Medford Coast railroad, owned by W. S. Barnum, holding that Mr. Barnum must offer the railroad for sale at a price not to exceed the dismantled value. If a buyer does not appear on or before November 10 then Mr. Barnum will have the privilege of dismantling the road. Recent attempts by Barnum to dismantle the road were stopped by injunction.

"The record shows," says the order, "that by extending the line into the mountainous section a distance of eighteen or twenty miles a large tract of merchantable timber something in excess of 2,000,000,000 feet would be made available for manufacture; that some few farms and a very promising mining venture would be served.

"This is, therefore, a matter of public interest and it is highly important that enterprising citizens of Medford and Jacksonville should take such action as may be necessary to secure the very desirable manufacturing industry of lumber for which there will be an enormous demand in the very near future.

"Mr. Barnum has stated in the record in this case that he is willing to sell the road for \$12,000 to the citizens of Medford and Jacksonville and that this sum is less than the scrap value of the road."

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Has Smith Another Wonder Team? That's What Coast Critics Ponder



The early season successes of Coach Andy Smith's team at the University of California lead followers of that team to ponder as to whether or not Smith has another wonder team, such as he produced in 1921. Three of his big stars are "Scoop" Carlson, quarterback; Robert Griffin, fullback, and Jimmy Dixon, halfback and triple threat man.

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FRENCH CABINET IN HUBBUB, CAILLAUX IS STORM CENTER

PARIS, Oct. 26.—(A. P.)—The internal dissension in the Painleve cabinet came to a head today at a meeting which had been called as the preliminary to one under the chairmanship of President Doumergue for final decision on the financial program.

While the ministers adjourned without definite action and the meeting with the president was postponed until tomorrow, the breach between Finance Minister Caillaux on the one hand and Premier Painleve and Foreign Minister Briand on the other reached a point considered by political circles as beyond healing.

M. Caillaux this morning is reported to have flatly refused a request by Premier Painleve for his resignation. The finance minister said he had come to the meeting in pursuance of his duties to present his projects for the financial restoration of the country.

He had no intention of being made a scapegoat for the whole government, which was equally responsible with him for the present situation. He declared vehemently that he would not, by resigning, let it appear to the country that he was in any way accountable for the ministerial crisis.

The cabinet then listened to his plans for stabilization of finances, but put over action on them until tomorrow.

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Chicken Pickers Union Battle Over Art Of Correct Fowl Picking

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—(A. P.)—Radical differences on the correct method of picking a chicken brought G. G. Delbonta, Oakland chicken picker, to the Oakland receiving hospital.

It all happened at the Oakland chicken picker's union ball. Delbonta insisted that the orthodox way to pick a chicken was to start at the right center instead of the lower left center.

Proponents of correct picking proceeded to make the feathers fly. Delbonta was sadly vanquished in the more direct method of argument.

RAIN AND MINOR PEACE MOVE IN BALKAN THREAT

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(A. P.)—The Exchange Telegraph Athens' correspondents report that the Greeks and Bulgarians acting at the instance of Roumania will withdraw their troops behind their respective frontiers.

VIENNA, Austria, Oct. 26.—(A. P.)—Advices from Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, declare that the Greek troops at all points are digging in and strengthening their positions, apparently for a long stay on Bulgarian soil.

Early this morning they are reported to have occupied a new position south of Petrich, which hitherto had been in the hands of Bulgarian troops.

A number of persons were killed or wounded in the Greek bombardment of Pipernitza and Petrovo, about 15 miles north of Demirhisar.

A heavy rainfall is making the plight of the refugees stillable as many of them are forced to camp in the open without the slightest shelter.

The Sofia authorities again give categorical denial that there is a single Bulgarian soldier on Greek soil.

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DEADLOCK IN CONVICT CASE NEAR

Salem Jury In Willos-Kelly Still Out After 49 Hours—Ask For Instructions—Jurors Refuse To Eat Dinner For Strange Reason.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26.—A disagreement in the case of at least one of the defendants in the trial of Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, convicts charged jointly with Tom Murray in the murder of Guard John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12, was strongly indicated at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon when the case had been in the hands of the jury for more than 49 hours.

At 11:20 this morning the jury, weary from its long deliberations, fled into the courtroom for further instructions. They asked to be informed if they could under the law bring in a verdict in the case of one of the defendants and report a disagreement on the other.

Presiding Judge Percy R. Kelly informed them that they could and the jury again retired.

The case went to the jury at 12:14 o'clock Saturday afternoon and except for about six hours of sleep Saturday night and less than that last night, the jurors have been in almost constant deliberation. At noon yesterday they informed Sheriff Bower that they did not desire dinner, saying that they did not feel that they deserved it. This morning they were up and at their discussions again shortly after 3 o'clock.

Judge Kelly announced this noon that he would not call the jury in to discuss it so long as there was any chance of an agreement being reached. The long deliberations have thrown about the Willos-Kelly trial an interest that it did not command during the progress of the trial. Telephone calls to the newspapers and to the various officers in the courthouse have been almost continuous since yesterday.

District Attorney John Carson was not prepared to say this afternoon whether a new trial in the case of a disagreement would be held immediately or turned over to another term of court. He said, however, that in case of a disagreement on the parts of either or both defendants, would mean a trial on the same charge.

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