

The Weather	
Prediction	Unsettled
Probable rain	
Maximum yesterday	45
Minimum today	31
Precipitation	.35

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	46
Minimum	29

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## PROMINENT ASHLAND WOMAN IS SLAIN

### MRS. F. R. NEIL SHOT DOWN BY S. P. CLERK

**Ghastly Crime Enacted in Ashland Home By Chauncey Jillson, Who Kills Himself—Murderer Was to Have Been Married Today—Motive for Crime Lacking.**

Murder and suicide claimed two well known Ashland residents early yesterday afternoon when Chauncey Ray Jillson, 30, an S. P. railroad clerk, shot and killed Mrs. Fred R. Neil, 38, at her home on Sherman street, where he lived and boarded, and then shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

Local authorities are completely at loss to account for the crime. According to Mr. Neil, Jillson had been a close friend of the family for many years, enjoyed an excellent reputation, and his relations with Mrs. Neil were of the friendliest nature, with no suggestion of any romantic attachment.

Another strange feature of the case is that Jillson had made all arrangements to marry Miss Marjorie Hibbard, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hibbard of Jacksonville, today, the culmination of a three year's engagement. Miss Hibbard, until recently, lived in Klunath Falls. The only explanation of the crime offered thus far is that Jillson, for reasons unknown, became suddenly and violently insane.

Mrs. Neil, the mother of three children, was prominent in Ashland's musical and social circles, being an accomplished pianist and an officer in the Eastern Star. A coroner's inquest will be held tonight or tomorrow morning, when it is expected some light will be thrown on one of the most terrible and mysterious crimes in the history of southern Oregon.

Death was instantaneous to both parties, Mrs. Neil having been shot four times, twice in the neck, once in the abdomen and once through the left leg, near the thigh. In addition, she received two deep and long gashes on the scalp, inflicted, it is believed, by a heavy lead pipe found near the scene of the killing. When discovered, Jillson's body had fallen into a huddled heap just outside the kitchen door, the lifeless hand still grasping the pistol. Mrs. Neil's body lay stretched on its side at his feet.

The double tragedy is presumed to have taken place shortly after 10 o'clock, but was not discovered until several hours later by Mrs. Neil's 8-year-old daughter, Jean, returning home from school. Horrified, she promptly notified the Ashland police, who in turn informed the district attorney's and coroner's office.

According to indications at the tragic scene, Ashland police believe, Mrs. Neil was first attacked in the kitchen near the sink and stove. There, a small rug lay crumpled with blood stains on the floor. Later examination of the dead woman's body showed many bruises about the face, arms and body. Her fingers were lacerated where the lead pipe is believed to have cut and the palm of the right hand was pierced by a bullet before it entered the body. Coroner Conger and other officers present believe that Mrs. Neil had attempted to defend herself before being shot down or hit with the pipe. In the kitchen sink a dishpan was sitting filled with dishes while several were leaning on a drying rack.

### Mrs. Valentino Sues Hubby for Divorce; Charges Desertion

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Winifred Hudnut Valentino, through her mother, Mrs. Richard Hudnut, today confirmed reports that she has instituted suit for divorce in Paris from Rudolph Valentino, the film sheik. The action is based on charges that the motion picture actor refuses to live with her.

### HUNTLEY'S SON TESTIFIES FOR THE ACCUSED

**James, 11-Year-Old Son of Man Accused of Murder, Tells Jury of Mother's Attachment for Gibbs—Letters Introduced.**

Hyman Huntley, on trial in the circuit court charged with murder in the first degree for the fatal stabbing last September of Jesse James Gibbs, took the stand this morning in his own behalf, and the defense closed its case at noon. Huntley pleaded self-defense, claiming that he picked up a knife after he and Gibbs had fought into the kitchen, and that he believed his life was in danger when he used it.

The defense scored heavily by introducing witnesses to prove that Gibbs and Mrs. Huntley, his alleged affinity, had made threats against Huntley's life.

Three county jail prisoners and a prison worker testified to seeing Huntley's body covered with black and blue spots from bruises.

After the state has introduced two or three witnesses in rebuttal, the closing arguments will be made, and it is expected the case will be given to the jury Saturday afternoon.

Lifelong friends who had known him from 30 to 40 years, some of them prominent in the affairs of Douglas county, three boys in their teens—two of them his own sons, and a member of the grand jury that indicted him for murder in the first degree for the alleged killing of Jesse James Gibbs in this city last September, were among the witnesses who testified in behalf of Hyman Huntley Thursday afternoon.

The defense, which opened yesterday, attempted to show that a "love conspiracy" existed between Gibbs and Mrs. Huntley, and to show that the defendant had been the target of threats, both by his wife and her alleged affinity.

Letters written by Mrs. Huntley to Billard, Ore., purporting to recite the family trouble of the Huntleys, were offered by the defense and their admission, bitterly objected to by the state, was upheld by the court.

The defense also endeavored to impeach the testimony of Mrs. L. E. Counts, mother-in-law of Huntley, by witnesses showing that her testimony on the trial varied widely from statements made to friends shortly after the tragedy.

### MITCHELL WINNER IN AIR FIGHT

**Naval Judge Advocate Resigns and Court Martial Overrules Prosecution's Effort to Throw Out Mrs. Lansdowne's Testimony—Air Officers Support Mitchell's Charges.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Captain Paul Foley requested Secretary Wilbur today to relieve him as judge advocate of the naval court of inquiry into the Shenandoah disaster.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—The court martial trying Colonel Mitchell refused this afternoon to receive at this time the testimony of Captain Paul Foley, judge advocate of the Shenandoah court who was named yesterday by Mrs. Margaret Lansdowne as the officer who had sent her a statement outlining her attitude.

As Captain Foley left the court he declared he would request the naval board when it meets Monday to excuse him temporarily as its judge advocate. If his request is approved he will ask to appear before that body as a witness.

It is Captain Foley's intention to tell the naval board his story in connection with the charges Mrs. Lansdowne made yesterday before the Mitchell court and in which the widow of the Shenandoah commander, asserted he sent her a memorandum falsely describing her attitude.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—The prosecution in the Mitchell court martial failed today in an effort to throw out of court the testimony given yesterday by Mrs. Margaret Lansdowne. After hearing arguments by opposing counsel, the court overruled a prosecution objection that the evidence given by the widow of the Shenandoah's commander was irrelevant and incompetent.

Mrs. Lansdowne's testimony included the statement that Captain Paul Foley, judge advocate of the navy's Shenandoah court of inquiry sent her a memorandum in advance of her appearance before the board "falsely" describing her attitude and the court today in secret session, ruled that it should be made a part of the record.

After the disposal of this question, J. Edward Cassidy, a colonel in chemical warfare service reserve was called. Representative Frank R. Reid, defense counsel, read extracts from testimony given a congressional committee by Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum of the army general staff in which he said the general informed the committee that 5,349,150 pounds of mustard gas would be required to materially affect a sixty square mile area, of 8,775,850 pounds to cause evacuation of a similar area.

"Is that statement correct?" "It is absolutely inaccurate," Colonel Sherman Moreland, trial judge advocate, quoted from a chemical warfare textbook to show the basis of General Drum's estimate.

With the approval of Major General Amos Fries, chief of the chemical warfare service, the book is now being used at the Leavenworth, Kas., army school. It states that 515 pounds of mustard gas would be required to compel evacuation of an area 100 yards square.

Colonel Cassidy declared such an assumption was "absurd." Major Herbert A. Dargue of the air service supported Colonel Mitchell's charge that the air service was "muzzled" while the lid was taken off for the coast artillery in the second corps area, "so far as publicity was concerned," during the anti-aircraft test at Fort Tilden, N. Y.

### Does Grange's Work Overshadow That of Kaw, East's Wonder Man



"Eddie Kaw of Cornell comes the nearest to him," was the remark made by several eastern football critics as "Red" Grange, Illinois wonder, ran wild against the Pennsylvania team the other day. And now the east is wondering whether or not Grange even overshadows the Cornell wonder man of a couple of seasons ago.

### JAPAN ORDERS 2 DESTROYERS TO CHINA BASE

TOKYO, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Two Japanese destroyers have been dispatched from the Sasebo naval base to Tsingtao, China, for the purpose of protecting Japanese nationals. Two additional ships are held in readiness if the situation in China demands them.

The foreign office today explained that considerable confusion was caused by great numbers of Chinese flocking toward Tsingtao and outlying districts and the destroyers were sent merely for protective purposes.

No marines will be landed unless disturbances endanger the lives of Japanese, the foreign office spokesman said.

The few dispatches received by the indicate that a news censorship is probable. Considerable pessimism exists here regarding the situation.

### HUSKIES ARRIVE IN TIP-TOP CONDITION

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—The University of Washington football squad arrived here shortly before noon today for their game tomorrow with California. All of the players were in good shape, including George Wilson, sensational halfback, who was badly battered a week ago in the Stanford contest.

### STATE DEMANDS DEATH PENALTY FOR EX-GOBLIN

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 13.—(A. P.) Resuming the state's closing argument in the trial of D. O. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry today, Charles E. Cox declared the men "are guilty of murder in the first degree and must pay the extreme penalty."

Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana and his bodyguards, are charged with responsibility for the death of Madge Oberholzer, Indianapolis girl. Miss Oberholzer took poison following an alleged abduction and attack and died April 14.

"All three of the men must pay the extreme penalty else the law expresses itself subordinate to D. C. Stephenson, the moral degenerate, subordinate to a pervert—a beastly chieftain of the middle ages," Cox exclaimed.

Turning to Klenck, the attorney shouted: "Look at the sardonic grin on the face of him—the man of granite, the gorilla-Klenck."

Eph Imman, chief of defense counsel, leaped to his feet objecting to such language.

"You must not refer to the looks of the defendants," Judge Sparks told Cox. He instructed the jury to disregard the statement.

### Fire Department Saves Baby's Life With a Pulmotor

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—The fire department responded with a pulmotor today and went to work on a newborn baby girl 15 minutes after she had ceased to breathe. Two and one-half hours later the baby let out a yell. So did the firemen.

### DURKIN LEAVES A SUICIDE NOTE, COPS SCEPTICAL

**Notorious Auto Slayer's Clothing, With Farewell Note, Is Found in Chicago River—Body Can't Be Found—Police Suspect Another Ruse.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Martin J. Durkin, automobile thief and slayer, may be drowned in the Chicago river, or he may have perpetrated a suicide hoax with blood-stained and shot torn clothing and a farewell letter to his mother.

The handwriting and clothing found on the Michigan boulevard bridge last night were identified as his, by his sister. Coast guards dragged the river all night.

Despite the assertion that the writer was slowly dying of a bullet wound in the lung and was desperate because he had to hide in basements and filch food from iceboxes, the police doubted the expressed intention to end it all in the river. There was little doubt, though, but that the letter and clothing were genuine.

The blue overcoat and a gray suit coat bearing a Kansas City firm's label had shotgun tears through the left sleeve and dried blood on the lining. A dark plaid cap was found inside the coats. All would fit a man of Durkin's build.

Durkin was thought wounded when he escaped October 29 from a police trap set in the flat of Lloyd Austin, who, with Sergeant Harry Gray, was killed in the ensuing pistol battle. Durkin previously was sought in many cities after he killed Edward Shanahan, a federal agent, who attempted to arrest him in a garage for automobile theft, October 11.

The letter, containing twelve pages expressed regret for the slaying and told of the writer's love for the mother and for Mrs. Betty Werner, for whose small son he had planned "a new and clean life."

"It breaks my heart to do this thing, but I know it's much better than getting killed by the police. They would kill me even before I got to trial," the letter said.

The writer said his arm had been broken by shotgun fire and that he had a bullet in his lung which made him think he was getting lockjaw. "Crime don't pay, I see—but too late," the letter concluded.

### ALL HOPE OF RESCUE IS ABANDONED

**Giant British U-Boat With 68 Officers and Men Aboard Is Given Up for Lost—Depth of Water Makes Rescue Impossible—Wreck Is Located.**

PLYMOUTH, England, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—The giant British monitor submarine M-1, with 68 officers and men on board, is believed to be lying helplessly on the ocean bed southwest of Start Point, Devonshire, in 240 feet of water.

Word that the submarine, missing since early yesterday, had been found, was received here from the commander of the searching squadron.

The news carried a heart sinking significance for it is believed rescue of the crew by divers or attempts to raise the great hull will be impossible because of the tremendous pressure at that depth.

Messages from Weymouth, supplementing the one reporting the discovery of the submarine, said that the hull believed to be the M-1 was located by the use of a hydrophone (sound catching device) used by anti-submarine craft.

Experts here recognized the difficulty of being certain that the submerged body encountered is actually the M-1. This part of the coast is the graveyard of many boats sent to the bottom by German submarines during the World war.

While it is determined there was no collision, officials believe the M-1 may have struck submerged wreckage which punctured her side. In this case there is small chance that any of the crew is still alive. This, however, is but a matter of speculation.

The officials seem agreed on one fact, whether the submarine has been located or not, if she lies in such depths, divers cannot operate and she cannot be raised.

Since yesterday morning a great flotilla of ships with nets and signaling apparatus has been searching feverishly for the missing boat. Everything that science could furnish has been rushed to the spot. Other submarines have been diving and using secret devices for signalling to the crew. There has been no response, although the M-1 was equipped with the latest instruments for replying to such signals.

The tragedy is one of the greatest in the history of the British submarine service. So far as can be recalled the crew of the M-1—68 officers and men—is the largest ever involved in an accident aboard an English submarine.

Lieutenant Commander A. M. Carrie, who was in charge of the ill-starred craft, had a distinguished service record, although only thirty-five years of age. He was married eleven months ago and has a five week's old son.

### CHAUNCEY OLCOTT REPORTED DYING IS SAVED BY WIFE AND POWER OF PRAYER

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Now convalescent in his "lucky house," to which he was rushed when taken ill two weeks ago at Ann Arbor, Mich., Chauncey Olcott, actor, is attributing his recovery to the prayers of his friends.

He also ascribes a part in his recovery to healing qualities in the hands of his wife, a seventh daughter. She has just presented him a marble reproduction of her hands done by a sculptor who, felt inspired by St. Therese, the "poetess" "Little Flower of Jesus."

### 63 Fishing Boats Lost. MADRAS, British India, Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Sixty fishing boats from Poona, manned by 200 men, are missing and are feared to have been lost in the storm which has raged along the coast for the last few days. Three boats from Calcutta also have not reported. The storm caused floods, impeding communications and damaged small coastal shipping.

### POLICE GUARD KLAN MEETING IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Under surveillance of a small army of police, recruited from city, provincial, federal and railroad forces the Invisible Empire of Klanian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held their first public meeting in a hotel here last night.

The speakers, including Dr. K. K. Allen of Portland, Ore., spent most of their time answering interjections of hecklers among the large number of outsiders who attended.

### 25,000 PEOPLE EXPECTED TO SEE BERKELEY GAME FROM TIGHTWAD HILL

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 13.—(A. P.)—Tightwad hill, the lofty eminence overlooking California stadium, has come into its own again because of the increasing interest in football. Closed earlier in the season because too many spectators were viewing games from there free instead of sitting in the bowl, the big hill today was in the process of being commercialized.

J. F. McKenzie, assistant graduate athletic manager, announced that it would be roped off and standing room sold at 50 cents a person for the Washington-California game. It is expected that around 100,000 persons will see the Bears and Huskies struggle for conference honors. Of this number nearly 75,000 will be in the stadium and the rest on vantage points around it.