

The Weather
Prediction—Probable rains.
Maximum yesterday 49
Minimum today 39
Precipitation .07

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Minimum 27

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

The Answer Is 'Vodka'
The Booming South.
Von Huenefeld's Story.
A. P. Sloan Is Cheerful.

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Celebrating Easter in Moscow many were killed, 1500 were arrested. Some started with vodka and ended drinking kerosene and fighting savagely at Easter parties. Others, drunk and helpless in the streets, fell under automobiles.

Russia's Easter celebration begins with sweet religious fervor, but doesn't end that way. The czar abolished vodka, then the Russians, sober and thinking clearly, abolished him. Now vodka comes back. Bolshevism realizes that to rule it is wise to discourage thinking in the crowd!

The south is energetic and growing. Governor Smith of New York chose well selecting North Carolina for his golf holiday. He is studying one of the most amazingly progressive states of the Union.

These five men, northbound from Miami, got off the train at Asheville, N. C., the other day to pay their respects to the governor: Judge Olanvey, Surgeon James F. Foley, Bernard F. Gimbel, George Le Bontillier, president of the Long Island railroad, and Arthur Foran, all of New York.

They all agree that North Carolina typifies the south and American progress generally.

"The whole state," said B. F. Gimbel, "seems as closely built up as the area between New York and Philadelphia."

The Cannon towel mill, biggest on earth, employs 5000 men and women. The well known B. V. D. gentlemen, and the great Chicago firm of Marshall Field, have enormous manufacturing plants in North Carolina. Other manufacturing institutions spring up daily.

The state has water power practically unlimited, at low cost, an energetic working population and extremely good living conditions.

Don't overlook North Carolina in your plans.

The story of the westward flight across the Atlantic, told by Baron von Huenefeld, will be read today with intense interest. Those that go down to the sea in airships will note that if the German air boat had not been most powerfully built the three passengers would probably have been killed when they landed on the ice-covered pond.

President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., of General Motors, is not exactly discouraged about the automobile situation. His company in March, 1928, sold 35,911 more cars than in March, 1927, a gain of 22.2 per cent. And March broke all records for all time. Total sales, 197,821 cars.

Mr. Sloan expects General Motors to break this record in April, usually a bigger month than March. There is nothing the matter with this country or its prosperity, nothing to frighten us, except our own foolishness.

"Man's best friend," the dog, occasionally gets mixed in his friendship. Mrs. James McCormick told policeman Dunn that Terrace Dillon, in whose apartment she lives, put her out. When the policeman es-

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DOOMSDAY FOR PAIR AT SALEM

Willos Hopeful to Last Steps On Trap Smoking Cigarette—Final Words 'I Hope You Are Satisfied'—Kelley Calm and Serene—Asks Forgiveness of Death Cell Pal.

SALEM, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—The lives of Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos are ended and the crime record of the two conspirators, which has been on the legal stage of Oregon for nearly three years, is closed.

Society, this morning, executed these remaining members of a quartet of convicts who shot their way out of the Oregon state prison August 12, 1925, killing two guards. Kelley was the first to enter the gray walls of the death chamber. He dropped through the trap at 8:21 o'clock and was pronounced dead by Dr. R. L. Edwards, prison physician, at 8:43.

Ten minutes later, at 8:53, Willos was executed and pronounced dead at 9:05.

Shortly before the execution took place, both men told newspaper men that they were innocent of the crime of murder. Willos was visibly nervous, but Kelley was apparently unmoved at his impending fate.

Kelley walked up the 13 steps by the side of Father Thomas V. Keenan, unassisted. Two guards followed. He said nothing, but gripped the leather strap on his hands tightly as the black cap was thrown over his head and the noose adjusted.

His fellow conspirator, Willos, assumed a nonchalant air and mounted the steps with a cigarette in his mouth. A guard walked at his side. Father Keenan and another guard followed.

Just before the hood was placed on his head, Willos spat out his cigarette, surveyed the faces staring up at him and said, dramatically:

"Well, I hope you will all be satisfied."

The double hanging was accomplished in 35 minutes.

When newspaper men were received in the death chamber anteroom Kelley declared he had nothing in particular to say, but would answer any questions.

Just before the interview ended, however, he volunteered the statement that, in his opinion, he had not committed murder and that never in his life had he been guilty of any major crime.

He was well dressed in a gray suit with blue stripes and a natty blue and red tie. He was clean shaven, his eyes were clear, and he seemed to be in perfect control of himself.

Willos, however, in his death cell, was prepared with a rambling discourse on the facts of the crime and the resulting legal steps taken in connection with it.

"I'm as good a citizen and as innocent a man as ever walked out of a cell," he said in a shaky voice.

"I did not have a fair trial. There has been a great misunderstanding in my way of looking at it. I hope that in the future people will look into these affairs more closely, and discover the real cause of men being in this place."

Willos, too, was well dressed in a brown suit with line stripes of darker brown, but his face showed lines from lack of proper sleep and worry.

Up to the very last, according to Father Keenan, Willos expected to escape death. He could not seem to understand how the state could take his life for the part he played in the crime.

Just before the death walk was scheduled for him, Kelley sent Father Keenan to Willos with the word that if there was anything to forgive or be forgiven for between the two men he wanted it done. Willos sent word back that there was nothing of ill feeling between the two.

Father Keenan was with the two men until 1 o'clock this morning. Kelley declined to accept any faith but asked the Catholic priest to accompany him as a friend. Willos was a Christian Scientist, but had added to it a theology of his own. He likewise accepted the ministrations of Father Keenan as a friend.

Story of Crime.
SALEM, Ore., Apr. 20.—(AP)—In the double hanging here today was enacted the last chapter of one of the most sensational prison breaks in the history of the west.

Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, the convicts who today paid the extreme penalty, broke out of Oregon state penitentiary here on the night of August 12, 1925, along with Bert "Greengun" Jones and Tom Murray. In the gun fight that occurred when the prisoners were discovered making their dash for freedom, two guards, John L.

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WHERE BLAST ROCKED GARAGE AND DANCE HALL



Central Press telephoto of the debris blown around a street in West Plains, Mo., after an explosion and fire in a garage and dance hall in which 28 persons met death and many others were injured. More than 30 couples were on the dance floor in the hall above the garage when the blast came.

MISERY RULES KLAMATH NAG GALE FED FIRES TAKE TOLL IN BULGARIA AREA INJURED OWNER 5 EAST STATES

Horrors Drive Many Insane and Destitution Stalks Ruin—People Flee From Sofia in Terror—King Boris Visits Devastation.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Apr. 20.—(AP)—Death, destitution and insanity stalked through southeastern Bulgaria today in the wake of a series of earthquakes which have devastated the region.

More than 100 bodies were counted in Philippopolis and the neighborhood. How many were buried beneath the ruins was not known. To calculate the number of injured, many of whom were in a critical condition, was impossible as the population fled panic-stricken to the countryside.

It was believed that Philippopolis, which is the second city in size in Bulgaria, would itself furnish the highest casualty list of the places affected. Only the higher part of the city, about a quarter of a mile across, was undamaged.

The remainder of the city was destroyed or too dangerous to occupy. In many villages in the region only a few houses stood gaunt among the ruins. The people were in destitution. Many were driven insane by what they have witnessed in the last few days.

Hills were moved, their contours were altered. Underground reservoirs broke through in places and water and sand gushed forth.

At Sateyogovo and Manole, fissures were opened in the ground. Water spouted from the clefts to the height of three feet. The ruins and the countryside were flooded.

The population of Sofia continued panicky. Many families left the capital overnight with their bedding and slept in the open country. Others fled in automobiles and all sorts of vehicles which they used as sleeping quarters.

Government and charitable institutions struggled to bring order out of chaos. King Boris personally went to the devastated region as did Premier Laptcheff and Silvio Vassileff, minister of public works.

GRAND JURY IN SESSION AGAIN

The grand jury, which has not been in session since it returned an indictment against District Attorney N. C. Chaney for the larceny of \$310 in public monies, convened again this forenoon at the court house and this session is believed to have been called only for routine business, no other information being obtainable around the court house.

Attorney J. N. Johnston, special prosecutor who was in charge of the grand jury's investigation of the court prohibition fund, was with the jury today. It is expected that the session will be short and it is possible that the jury may file a report.

The Noted Dead

WACO, Texas, April 20.—(AP)—Felix Robertson, last surviving general of the confederacy died at his home here today.

Oregon Weather
Unsettled tonight and Saturday. Probably rains in west portion; not much change in temperature. Increasing southerly winds on the coast.

BLAST WRECKS DENVER PLANT; MANY INJURED

Five Dead Recovered From Ruins After Fire—Crowds Flock to Scene of Disaster and Order Menaced

DENVER, Colo., April 20.—(AP)—The bodies of five victims—three men and two women—were recovered early this afternoon from the ruins of a burned section of the plant of Alexander Industries rocked by an explosion shortly before noon. The women were identified as Miss Harkin and Mrs. John T. White, employees at the airplane manufacturing plant. The others could not be identified.

Fire followed the explosion and several girl employees were trapped in one section of a branch building set afire by the blast.

Several automobile loads of injured were brought to the general hospital here, but the extent of their injuries could not be immediately determined. Crowds flocked to the scene and authorities had difficulty preserving order.

The explosions are believed to have occurred in the paint shop where highly inflammable supplies used for airplane wings were stored. The Alexander Industries Manufactures airplanes in addition to conducting a number of other enterprises at its plant.

Rescue workers working their way into burning sections of the plant brought out several victims who appeared in critical condition.

Twenty-six persons were employed in the building when the fire broke. Clothes had been burned off the victims carried out of the building by rescue workers.

Flames shot fifty feet out of the building with the first explosion which was followed by two others in rapid succession. The main building of the plant was not touched by the fire up to 12:30 p. m. but firemen from Denver were called by the Englewood force to help prevent the flames from spreading.

Not all of the persons in the building could be accounted for early this afternoon. An emergency first aid station was provided near the plant and a number of badly injured were given treatment there. In the confusion, with crowds besieging the scene of the explosion it was impossible to verify the reports that several had been killed outright.

Some of the victims carried out by rescuers were believed fatally injured.

WOMAN TO CELL, LOVER TO NOOSE

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 20.—(AP)—Preston Ray Clark was sentenced to die on the gallows at the state penitentiary today, June 8 for his part in the fatal poisoning of Alpheus Bidwell here last December 30.

Sentence was passed by Superior Judge John L. Sharpstein, after he had denied a motion for a new trial.

The sentence was in accordance with the recommendation of a jury which convicted Clark and Mrs. Bessie Mae Bidwell, widow of the slain man.

She was found guilty of second degree murder and sentenced to life to thirty years in the penitentiary.

ASTORIA, Ore., Apr. 20.—(AP)—Mistrial was ordered today in the case of George Hannula, charged with first degree murder of his wife, because of an affidavit presented by the defense showing that one of the jurors had expressed prejudice. A new trial was to be started Monday.

ASTORIA, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—The defense in the trial of George Hannula, 23, charged with the murder of his girl wife, sprung a surprise today when C. W. Rollison, his attorney, asked for a mistrial on the grounds that one of the jurors had expressed prejudice.

In affidavit to the court, Rollison declared that he had been informed that one of the jurors being impaneled had told Henry Sarpola, a druggist, that he had definite ideas regarding the case and hoped that he would be excused.

After the jury was completed late yesterday a few state witnesses were called, Arthur "Chuck" Wilson, expected to be a star witness, answered, "I don't know," or "I don't remember," to many questions.

EUGENE.—Two new fraternity and sorority houses have cost \$59,000.

Gets Ahead a



Although never having sold a dollar's worth of merchandise until after she was 65, Mrs. Minnie Jackson, of Guthrie, Okla., at 71, is one of the most successful traveling saleswomen of the southwest. Success came suddenly when Mrs. Jackson, above, began selling lingerie she had made by hand. She has been assisted by her granddaughter, Miss Kitty Hager, left below, and her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Hager, right below, who manage the plant when Mrs. Jackson is traveling.

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They posed for pictures, which were rushed to New York by airplane today, and talked freely with the reporter.

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Baron von Huenefeld said that the hazardous flight which so nearly ended in disaster would have been worth while if for no other reason than that they might experience the kindness and hospitality of their island hosts.

The Germans were making their home with Lighthouse Keeper LeTemplier and his large family. Captain Koehl has become a great favorite with the children of the island and they flock around him as he fondles the dogs they bring to show him.

The reporter and cameraman were invited to lunch in the lighthouse with the fiere and white everyone ate heartily the baron asked the reporter to mention especially in his dispatches that the lighthouse keeper in such a bleak spot should get better food. Salt pork and corned beef, he said, was not enough for a family living in such weather conditions.

The lighthouse was something of an international affair, there being at the table two Germans, a Swede, an Englishman and three

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RETURN HOP OVER OCEAN IS PLANNED

Berliners Will Repair Bremen and Fly to New York—In Good Health and Spirits—Associated Press Pictures Rushed By Plane

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LOCAL FIRMS HOLD DOLLAR DAY TOMORROW

Largest One-Day Co-operative Sales in History of City—Thousands of Dollar Bargains Offered—Many Out-of-Town Shoppers Expected to Participate in Buying Carnival.

Tomorrow will be a big day for thirty southern Oregon shoppers who will gather in Medford for the great co-operative Dollar Day sale of local merchants. This community merchandising event is being held on a larger scale than any similar one-day bargain carnival in the history of this city, and scores of Medford stores are offering thousands of articles for a dollar.

Dollar day was originally planned here by the members of the Retail Merchants' association, and practically every business concern in Medford has joined the throng of those offering dollar bargains. Stores in this city are attractively decorated for the event, display windows are crowded with Dollar Day specials and merchants are augmenting their usual forces with additional clerks to accommodate the host of out-of-town bargain seekers.

Today's Mail Tribune, in 24 pages, lists the Dollar Day specials of the majority of Medford firms. Altogether, there are 129 separate local and out-of-town concerns represented, some with two or more advertisements, bringing the total of ads in this Dollar Day edition to nearly 150. Because of the thoroughness with which this edition represents Medford merchants, it forms a complete and authentic guide for Dollar Day shoppers.

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GRANTS PASS TO VOTE ON AIRPORT

GRANTS PASS, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—Grants Pass will vote on construction of a \$400,000 municipal water system at a special election called by the city council last night. The election has been set for May 18 at the time of the primary elections in the state. A measure also will be presented to the voters of the county to authorize the county court to proceed with acquisition of land suitable for a landing field and development of an airport.