

The Weather
Forecast—Probably rain tonight and Sunday. Moderate temperature.
Highest yesterday 49
Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 34
Precipitation to 5 a. m. .08

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1929.

Weather Year Ago
Highest year ago today 54
Lowest year ago today 34

WITNESS, IN NO OLD CAR GANG CASE IS WAYLAD IS EXPECTED

Dr. Tucker, Dentist of Chicago, Found in Dazed Condition Detroit Street—Had Identified Photo of Gangster—Seized Last Night By Four Men.

DETROIT, Feb. 22.—(AP) Dr. Loyal Tucker, kidnaped witness in the investigation of the Chicago gang massacre was found at the corner of Liberty and Grand avenues in the downtown district here today.

He reported he had been drugged and unconscious most of last night.

The Chicago dentist, who identified a photograph the police believed to be that of one of the gang slayers, was in a dazed and half fainting condition when picked up by Patrolman Martin Vollmer.

His wrists, hands and ankles were bruised and lacerated.

Taken before Edward H. Fox, chief of detectives, Tucker told a story of having been waylaid at about nine o'clock last night by four men who seized him and threw him into an open automobile after slugging him on the head.

The attack came, he said, while he was on his way to his home at 425 Surf avenue, Chicago.

All the labels and identification marks had been removed from Dr. Tucker's clothing, leading police to believe his kidnapers intended to take his life. What led to his release in the downtown district here is not known. Dr. Tucker said he recovered consciousness only a few moments before Patrolman Vollmer found him.

Opinion Divided in Road Committees of House on Attempt Put Through Another Auto Bill—Solons to Work Extra Time at Own Expense.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) With opinion divided among members of the two roads committees of the lower house as to the advisability of advancing another auto license bill a week after the first bill passed the house, it is highly probable that legislation favoring used car owners will not be forthcoming this session.

H. B. 519 which provides a graduated reduction for used car license was on the griddle at a joint meeting of the automobile and roads and highways committees Friday evening. This bill would require a constitutional amendment before it could become effective, and would invalidate H. B. 238 which passed "the house" a week ago. Friday and which is now in the senate roads committee.

Previous to the adjournment for the day Senator Jay Upson corrected a report that the so-called Hendrick home rule telephone bill would be allowed to die in the committee. The senate will have opportunity to vote upon the measure, he said.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) Legislative action on a resolution to submit to the people a plan to reorganize the state government under a cabinet form with the governor at its head was completed when the house voted to adopt the resolution without a dissenting vote.

Supporting Representative MacPherson in advocating passage of the resolution, Representative Carlin, chairman of the property tax relief commission, said: "If the legislature of two years ago had had the courage to adopt this plan, the state would not now be in its present condition."

The resolution does not require the signature of the governor.

SCOUTS REVIEWED BY MR. AND MRS. HOOVER



Boy and girl scouts were reviewed on the lawn of the vacation home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover at Belle Isle, Miami. Mr. Hoover was made an honorary member of the Boy Scouts.

PORTLAND GAS BLAZING BODY OF WOMAN IS FOUND IN N. J. IN SALT CREEK

Dealers Hold to 16 1/2 Cent Rate in Rose City—Los Angeles War Developing Low Price Records—S. F. Rate Now 13c.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) With Portland dealers holding rigidly to the 16 1/2 cent mark, the gasoline price war rages along the coast appeared to have skipped Portland in its tornado-like sweep from California to Washington. While Seattle trade was chaotic, peace and quiet reigned here.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(AP) Week-end motorists faced the cheapest gasoline expense of many months here today as two price wars, one between wholesalers and another between retailers, continued with building prices, which had torn the retail price of gasoline down to 12 1/2 cents from 12 3/4 cents per gallon.

SALEMAN, Feb. 22.—(AP) Gasoline prices were cut to eleven cents a gallon today by organized garage owners of this city. Service stations selling generally at 12 cents were expected to cut their prices of 12 cents.

SEATTLE, Feb. 22.—(AP) Gasoline prices touched the lowest level on record here today when a number of stations announced a price of 7 1/2 a gallon provided an oil change accompanied the sale. The average price in the majority of stations was 10 cents with a few dealers asking as high as 12 1/2 cents.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—(AP) The United States embassy has asked the Mexican government to do everything possible to verify the whereabouts of the recently disappeared from Chihuahua publicist, as reported by several newspapers. It is learned from members of his family early today, the family ascribed the attack to grief over the death of his son and young Doherty, the son's employer.

"The strain since Ted's death has been too much for my father," said Robert Plunkett, the youngest son of the missing man, who was driving in San Bernardino to try to relax and forget, when all of a sudden he was seized with violent pains and had to be taken to a hotel in Ontario.

Gruesome Find On Lonely Road By Truck Driver—Believed Thrown From Auto—Clothed in Expensive Silks.

CRANFORD, N. J., Feb. 22.—(AP) The blazing body of a well-dressed woman of about 20 was found by a truck driver on a lonely stretch of road early today near the Cranford Golf club. Police believed the woman had been thrown from an automobile, stretched with freezing air, her head had been crushed in, and set afire.

Just one year and three days ago, the body of Miss Margaret Brown, 46-year-old governess of New York, was found burning in a lonely stretch of woods near Bernardsville, about 15 miles from here. The discovery was made by James Boyle, a driver for a baking company. He found the woman was dead and notified Cranford police. Two officers who rushed to the spot extinguished the woman's blazing clothing with snow.

A wedding ring and two diamond rings were a nether fingers, and the body was clothed in expensive silks.

The circumstances surrounding today's mystery were almost identical to the slaying of Miss Brown on February 26, 1928. She was found lying in the snow behind a refreshment stand by a motorist. She was taken to a hospital, where she died a few hours later without making a statement.

Spurred on by a letter and a \$1000 bond and \$200 bill belonging to Miss Brown, which the slayer mailed to Bernardsville police, authorities of New Jersey and New York joined in a long but futile hunt. A number of suspects were arrested but all later released.

Searchers Find Remains of Glen Sturdevant Below Horn Rapids of Grand Canyon—No Trace Found of Ranger Johnson.

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Feb. 22.—(AP) The treacherous Colorado river early today had suddenly given up part of its secret regarding the fate of Grand Canyon national park rangers who fell victims to the slashing currents in Horn Creek rapids Wednesday. The body of Glen Sturdevant, 20-year-old naturalist, who with Fred Johnson and James E. Brooks, park rangers, were exploring Indian ruins of the Grand Canyon, was found last night floating in a backwash near Salt Creek, less than two miles from the Horn Creek rapids. The body of Johnson, also believed lost when the government boat in which the three were traversing the river was hurled against a rock and capsized, had not been found early today.

Brooks, the only member of the party to escape from the rapids' grip, managed to crawl out of the key stream a quarter of a mile below the point where the boat capsized, and within a few minutes after he had been thrown into the water, he saw the government craft, which by him as he crawled onto the bank, but could find no trace of his companions.

Sturdevant's body was found last night by a searching party led by Bob Francis, Sturdevant, who was a Pennsylvania, leaves a widow and two children in that state.

The boat party under the leadership of Francis, stayed at Monument creek last night, and was continuing the search of the river banks today in an effort to find a trace of Johnson.

FLAG BILL OF HEFLIN IS KILLED

Senate Again Votes Down Proposal to Prohibit the Church Flag Above U. S. Emblem On Battleships—Alabaman Draws Laughter With Charges.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP) The senate voted again today against the proposal of Senator Hefflin of Alabama, to prohibit the flying of a church flag over the United States emblem on battleships during church services at sea. The vote was 70 to 7.

The vote was taken after Hefflin had declared "the Roman Catholics don't want this custom changed."

The Alabaman has previously contended that the obnoxious flag flown on battleships was the Latin cross.

Recently Hefflin was voted down on the same proposal, 68 to 10.

The senators who voted for his amendment today were: Brookhart, Iowa, Republican; Black and Hefflin, Alabama; Harris, Georgia; Mayfield and Sheppard, Texas; and Trammell, Florida, Democrat.

Senator Adams, Democrat, Arizona, had read to the senate a letter from the chief of the navy chaplains, declaring the proposal represented no particular religion and was "simply evidence that we are all believers in and followers of the Man of Galvary."

The Alabaman declared those who opposed him today were inspired by "the same senate group that put the rotary on the dollar bills in 1917."

There was so much laughter at this last remark, both on the floor and from the galleries, that the presiding officer had some difficulty in restoring order.

"Those who wanted to put the inscription of the pope on the currency of this country now insist on flying the Latin cross above 'Old Glory,'" Hefflin shouted.

"The senator has consumed all of his time and cannot speak any more," thundered Senator Moses of New Hampshire, who was presiding.

"I suggest the absence of a quorum," Hefflin thundered back. "I guess you can't keep me from doing that."

Michigan Three Games by Margin of Kick

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 22.—(AP) In a season in which field goals were exceedingly rare in scoring points, Michigan won all three of its games via goals from the field.

Illinois and Michigan State fell, 2 to 0, while Iowa went down, 9 to 7. Gembis booted two of the goals, with Huchess, a substitute, getting the other.

Furthermore, the Wolverine lines managed to count just one more touchdown than they did field goals. In not a game did the Maize and Blue gather more than a single touch-down, and one of the four compiled, that against Ohio State, was a fluke.

KIDNAPING GUILT IS ADMITTED

Mrs. Sharp Assumes All Responsibility for Taking Doris Smith-Murphy From Playground—Accused Woman Gives Various Versions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(AP) With Mrs. Charles Sharp assuming all responsibility for the kidnaping of 1-year-old Doris Smith-Murphy February 15, last, police announced that John A. Williams, whom Mrs. Sharp accused yesterday of delivering the child to her in Vallejo, probably would be released by the court today.

Under questioning after she returned Doris to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Murphy, yesterday, Mrs. Sharp told a series of differing stories to explain how she obtained possession of the child. The first was that a man had taken the child to her at Vallejo, where, she said she had been informed by a note found in her home, her 5-year-old daughter, Betty, would be restored to her.

Eventually, police said, she broke down and admitted that she had kidnaped the girl from the playground because she had seen her there and "fell in love with her."

In that confession, police said, the woman exonerated Williams, who had been in jail as a suspect for several days. Williams admitted that he had taken the child from the park and bought her candy. He is an employee of the United States mint here and officials of the mint vouched for his character.

The authorities today were far from exonerating Mrs. Sharp's confession as a clearing on the case, although they believed she had finally told the truth in major matters. Police recalled, however, a story Sharp was said to have told about business acquaintances recently to the effect that "my wife is coming into a lot of money within the next few days." They believed that might refer to a reward for the return of the child to her parents.

MARINES TO REMAIN IN NICARAGUA

Senate Revises Vote On Amended Navy Appropriation Bill—Fund Bill Itself Passes—Must Now Go to House in New Form—Dill Slipped Clause Over.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP) The senate today revised its vote of yesterday when called for early withdrawal of all marines from Nicaragua.

By a vote of 48 to 32 it rejected the amendment of Senator Dill, Democrat, Washington, which was inserted yesterday in the navy department appropriation bill.

With these two controversial issues out of the way, the senate quickly passed the appropriation bill itself, carrying approximately \$260,000,000.

The second vote on the Nicaraguan amendment was taken today after President Coolidge had made a personal plea that his policy in the Latin-American country be upheld.

Administration forces were caught napping last night and the proposal of Senator Dill to stipulate in the bill that no funds be allowed for maintenance of marines in Nicaragua after July 1, was approved, 38 to 30.

Before the vote today Senator James H. Doolittle, of Washington, who voted yesterday for withdrawal of all the marines, announced that he had decided to "depend upon the president" in the administration of foreign affairs. He announced he would change his vote.

Of the total amount allotted in the bill for continuing the cruiser construction program, \$200,000 would be available immediately to start five of the 15 craft. The remainder of the fund would be available after July 1, to start work on another group of five.

Inasmuch as the senate, by inserting the item for the new cruisers, changed the form of the bill, it must now be passed on again by the house.

PRINCE OF WALES SELLS 12 HORSES

BRISTOL, Eng., Feb. 22.—(AP) Twelve thoroughbred harness owned by the Prince of Wales, bought 1927 winners, or approximately \$20,000 at auction here today.

The prince himself, who has been unable to devote as much time to hunting as usual because of his father's illness, paid his last farewell to his horses this afternoon, appearing at the auction to see them sold.

While the sale was in progress, the prince remained near the stables and bade farewell to each animal as it was led out.

NURSE'S STORY MAY BE MYTH THINK OFFICERS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(AP) Allen today were to examine the mental condition of Mrs. Margaret Kelly, alias Marie Adams, in an effort to determine definitely whether her story of the murder in 1914 of Francis Lewis Clarke, Spokane multi-millionaire sportsman, might be a figment of her imagination.

Clarke disappeared in Santa Barbara and finally was listed as a suicide. Parts of a body were washed onto the beach near Santa Barbara and never were identified definitely.

Mrs. Kelly has told Los Angeles police a story purporting to clear up the mystery of the multi-millionaire's disappearance. He was murdered by a "gang" of Los Angeles thugs, Mrs. Kelly has asserted, who used her as "bait" to lure him. Santa Barbara from this city. She said she had been bound over the past few years to "come clean with the Francis Lewis Clarke deal, and had come to the conclusion that she was about to be made the goat to clear up an old score."

Medical and scientific examinations were to be based partly on reports of matrons that Mrs. Kelly's conduct at the county jail was irrational at times.

SLAYER'S FATHER SUFFERS STROKE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(AP) Charles A. Plunkett, father of Theodore Hugh Plunkett, confidential secretary who killed Edward L. Doherty, Jr., and then committed suicide last Sunday night, has been stricken with a stroke, it was learned from members of his family early today. The family ascribed the attack to grief over the death of his son and young Doherty, the son's employer.

"The strain since Ted's death has been too much for my father," said Robert Plunkett, the youngest son of the missing man, who was driving in San Bernardino to try to relax and forget, when all of a sudden he was seized with violent pains and had to be taken to a hotel in Ontario.

Alaska Musher Wins Derby



QUEBEC, Feb. 22.—(AP) By winning the third and final 30 miles race of the Yukon Derby, the musher, Leonard Seppala, Alaskan musher, from Nome, won the 120 mile eastern international dog derby here today. Frank Dupont, second, and Emil St. Godard, the Pas Man, was third.

The total elapsed time for the three days was Seppala, 11:04:25; Dupont, 11:22:12; St. Godard, 12:07:04.

SHORTHORN CATTLE BRING FANCY PRICES

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(AP) One hundred animals were sold yesterday at what buyers claimed was "the largest sale of registered short horn cattle in the United States." Buyers paid \$15,000 for the pure bred animals.

James H. McCracken, of Sprague, Wash., was bid \$200 for a bull by Harry Delaney of Starbuck, Wash., as the high price of the sale. Herman J. Oliver, of Jolt, Ore., also purchased eight head, was one of the larger individual buyers. A grand champion steer, owned by Carl A. Grief, of Unalaska, brought \$1 cents a pound when sold to a Spokane restaurant. The sale will be continued today, when 115 animals will be auctioned.

BRIGADE REVOLTS FOR TSUNG-CHANG

PEKING, Feb. 22.—(AP) Advice reaching Peking late today stated that a brigade of nationalist troops being sent to southern Shantung revolted just north of the Yellow river and declared for Chang Tsung-Chang, the former Shantung warlord, who is now leading a revolt against the nationalist government.

The troops were originally stationed at Hankow, 25 miles north-west of Peking. Today's reports said that they were now marching on the city of Wuyi in north-eastern Shantung.

STILL EXPLOSION CAUSE OF DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) Explosion of a 50-gallon moonshine still caused the death here today of Mrs. R. H. Morgan. The woman died in a hospital where she was received last night after the blast. Her husband, slightly injured, was arrested on a charge of possession of a still.

Doors of the residence were blown down and walls of the room in which the still was operating were forced out 12 inches.

Investigators today were unable to say what caused the still to explode.

WERNACKE GETS NOD IN MARSHFIELD BOUT

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) Frankie Wernacke of Portland won a decision over Willard Norton, Eugene fighter, in a 10-round main event on the boxing card here last night.

Jimmie Lee of the University of Oregon and Frankie Monroe of Portland fought six round bouts in a draw in a special feature.

Jack McDevitt of Coos Bay defeated Knockout Brown of Roseburg in a four rounder.

Will Rogers Says: Glad to see Lindbergh kinder setting down since his engagement. He only flew from Kansas City to Wichita Thursday. Certainly going back in his flying, and say, this marriage has made him hustle out and get him a job. He is to work for the government 'on days when he has nothing else to do and is flying over Washington.' But after all, that's not an odd arrangement for everybody that works for the government 'just works for it when they have nothing else to do,' but this is the first time that's ever been stipulated in a contract.

New York gave Washington a great birthday Friday. If he had been here it would have reminded him of Valley Forge. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

Shively Shows 'Em How

LEXINGTON, Ky., (AP) — Bernie Shively, nationally known football player of 1924 at the University of Illinois, western conference heavyweight wrestling champion and hammer thrower, is coaching boxing and wrestling at the University of Kentucky. For two years these sports have been required of Coach Harry Gamage's football candidates during the winter.

Brain Workers Get Most Kick Out of Funnies

IOWA CITY, Feb. 22.—(AP) Skilled mechanics and professional men get the biggest laughs from the newspaper comics.

George H. Gallup of the University of Iowa school of journalism so declares after a survey of newspaper readers.

This is true, he says, because in the "funnies" these workers find quick diversion from exacting duties. News sections are sought more eagerly by men than by women, the latter, however, finding most of interest in the advertisements, he says.

He questioned 1500 persons.

Wildcat Wins

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 22.—(AP) Leslie "Wildcat" Carter, Seattle negro, needed but two rounds to put Johnny Hawkes, Tacoma lightweight, on the canvas for the count of 10 in their six-round match here last night.

RAYBURN SENTENCED TO FIVE-YEAR TERM

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) Harry Rayburn, 26, was sentenced to five years in state prison today when he pleaded guilty to charges of having embezzled \$7100 from the Equitable Savings & Loan association here, where he had been employed as cashier.

LOS ANGELES POLICE SEARCH FOR LITTLE BOY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(AP) The largest mustering of police forces in a child search since the Hickman case was begun just before dawn today, in an effort to trace 18-year-old Teddy Schwartz, missing from his home here since 2:30 p. m. last Thursday. The lad was last seen near the 24th street school, which he attended.

A systematic search throughout the city was under way this morning, and guards were placed at transportation centers.

When last seen, Teddy was dressed in brown knickerbockers, blue blouse, black shoes and stockings and was bareheaded. He is four feet in height, weighs 75 pounds and has dark hair and brown eyes.

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Feb. 22.—(AP) A series of violent earthquakes were reported at the observatory here late last night. The first shock was registered at 11:53 p. m., the second eight minutes later and the most severe one 14 minutes after that. The epicenter was estimated at from 4000 to 7000 kilometers distant.

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