

The Weather

Fair tonight and Tuesday. High temperature and low humidity.

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-eighth Year.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Another Yak Slipping.
Wise Frenchmen
Crying Does No Good.
Shooting Into a Truckload

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Nicholas Roerich, in "Altai Himalaya," describing a powerful yak, slipping on a mighty glacier toward the precipice, says "At the very end of the precipice, the yak, straining himself, clutched down with his short, strong feet."

The yak was saved.

May Uncle Sam be as fortunate on the diplomatic glacier of Geneva. At this moment he is slipping rapidly toward the World Court precipice and at any moment he may go over the edge. Clever British statesmen, assisted by able American lawyers representing international banking, are pushing him along.

"At any time you may withdraw from the court without imputation of unfriendliness," says the league to Uncle Sam.

That is what card sharps on trans or steamships say, inviting you into a game.

France and Italy, Latin nations, dislike the close cooperation of the so-called Nordic nations, Britain and America. While MacDonald is in America talking over naval agreements and freedom of the seas, Italy and France will have a separate naval conference.

Britain asks France to abandon submarines. The wise French, free of Anglo-manic obsession that afflicts some of our officials, reply:

"No, we need submarines. With a small fleet under water, we can, in case of need, take care of all your ships afloat. So we keep the submarines."

France, like America, is self-supporting, or, if anything is lacking, France can get it from adjoining neighbors independent of shipping.

Britain is not self-supporting, and would starve without face fleets to feed her. Perhaps that is why Britain is building gigantic Zeppelins. They could bring food through the air.

France has not forgotten that the Nelson monument was built to commemorate French defeat at sea, and means not to let it happen again.

Submarines and airplanes will easily attend to that.

An American government.

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Abe Martin



Lionel Pine, manager of the Monarch 5 & 10 says he encourages his shop girls to marry, at least if they are not so apt to quit. "I recall just as well as if it was yesterday when my maid used our grapes to make jelly," said Late Bud, today.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1929.

Temperatures

Highest yesterday 90
Lowest this morning 46

No. 177.

ESTACADA IN PATH FOREST FLAMES

RESIDENTS BATTLING FIRE WALL

Ten-Mile Sweep of Flames
Endangering City — All Able Bodied Men On Fire Line — 200 Fighters Cut Off — Clark County Man Is Burned to Death in Dwelling.

ESTACADA, Ore., Sept. 16.—(AP)—A change of wind at 1:30 p. m. today saved this town from possible destruction by fire. All day long flames on a 10-mile front, driven by a high wind, had steadily approached the community. Fire fighters were holding the flames at 2 p. m. and the town appeared in no immediate danger.

ESTACADA, Ore., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Raging uncontrolled, a forest fire was sweeping along a ten-mile front five miles from this city this afternoon in the face of a high southeast wind. While the town was in no immediate danger at 1:15 p. m., much concern was felt for its ultimate safety.

Two hundred fire fighters in the La Dee district, five miles from Estacada, were cut off from communication today by destruction of forest service telephones and had not been heard from since yesterday noon.

All roads into the district are blocked by fallen trees and burning limbs.

The forestry office was not particularly concerned over the fate of the two hundred men inasmuch as much burned over land would offer them a haven in event flames cut off their retreat before the advancing fire.

Reports that from 20 to 25 houses had been destroyed in the La Barre and La Dee districts were believed here to have been exaggerated.

Homes, Resort Burn
It was known, however, that at least five houses had been destroyed, that the Log La Barre, large summer resort, had been burned to the ground and that two school houses had been destroyed.

The resort was valued at \$20,000. The houses of John Carter, Earl S. Carver, James Wilboughby, R. Thomas Carter and P. J. Anderson were consumed by the flames.

What the fate of Estacada will be no one could tell today. Although there was considerable green timber between the fire line and the town at 1:30 p. m., a high wind, such as came up this afternoon, could sweep the flames through the timber in a relatively short time. The wind this afternoon was blowing directly from the fire to the city.

All men in the Estacada were taken to the fire lines last night and today. No general attempt has been made to remove household or store goods from the town although several individuals have become alarmed and have done so.

In the Garfield district fifteen families are declared to be in peril and have abandoned their homes. Trucks loaded with household goods and farming equipment stand in front yards as the householders note the advance of the flames. At a signal all were ready to flee from the stricken area.

Reports received here said the Delphi creek fish hatchery on Eagle Creek had been burned.

Camp No. 1 of the La Dee Lumber company was destroyed and Camp No. 2 was partially wiped out. The fire started in the La Dee company holdings. Yesterday and last night it swept ahead sixteen miles, driving 300 fire fighters before it.

ESTACADA, Ore., Sept. 16.—(AP)—The forest fire which today threatened a most famous residence in this city has since yesterday taken a property lost in nearby communities in excess of \$140,000 exclusive of destroyed timber.

Estacada is a town of from 1800 to 2000 population, situated on the Clackamas river. It consists essentially of two main streets, both well blocked out with good store buildings. The residential district has many fine homes, some of them summer homes of wealthy Portlanders.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Philip Howe, 46, a rancher was burned to death and his 62-year-old wife and son William were seriously burned when a forest fire trapped them in their

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Vote Loughran As Outstanding Ring Performer

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Tommy Loughran, a retired light-heavyweight champion, training at Harvey's Lake, near here, for his bout with Jack Sharkey, has received a gold belt, offered by Ring, a magazine, annually to the boxer voted the most outstanding and reflecting the most credit on the sport. The belt last year was awarded to Gene Tunney, whose crown Loughran hopes to gain.

CRAZED PARENT USES HATCHET UPON CHILDREN

Daughter and Son Slain By Machinist—Wife in Critical Condition — House Fired to Hide Crime — Commite Suicide.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 16.—(AP)—William Campbell Phillips, 37, a quiet mannered machinist, ran amuck with a hatchet in his home here today, killed his daughter, Joan, aged 10, and his 4-year-old son, Eric, slashed at his wife's face and head and, then to conceal all traces of his crime, set fire to his house and ended his own life by cutting his throat. His wife, Lily Phillips, 33, was brought unconscious and in a critical condition to a hospital.

Mrs. Phillips escaped by jumping from a second story window into the back yard. She was gashed in the neck and suffered a fractured jaw.

No one but the principals witnessed the murders. Mute evidence of what happened was revealed to firemen who went to the scene in answer to an alarm.

The basement was in flames. Rushing upstairs the firemen found Joan and Eric horribly battered in a front bedroom. The boy was dead.

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MIXED JURY WILL DECIDE FATE OF MRS. PANTAGES



Men and women of Los Angeles selected as jurors in the second degree murder trial of Lois Pantages, wife of the Pacific coast theater magnate.

HARTMAN GOES TO STUDY EAST PEAR MARKETS

Oregon State College Expert to Initiate Survey for Winter Pear Committee—Stop in Detroit Planned for Advice.

Prof. Henry Hartman, Oregon State College fruit authority, assigned to a study of marketing and storage conditions in New York City, for the Winter Pear Committee of the Fruitgrowers' league, leaves today to begin his duties, after a short stay in Corvallis with his family. On route, he will stop off in Detroit, and advise on the care and sale of these pears, shipped from this valley to that city, in a campaign for the development of new pear markets.

The survey will dovetail into the pending Interstate Commerce commission probe of refrigerator car rates and the federal survey of refrigerator car temperatures, and gathering of shipping data now under way.

One of the projects, to be studied by Prof. Hartman, is the feasibility of building ripening warehouses, similar to those used in the banana trade, for placing the winter variety of pears on the New York market, in first class edible condition.

Prof. Hartman has been in the valley since the first of the month gathering preliminary data, with Prof. F. C. Reimer of the Southern Oregon Experiment Station at Talent.

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Ben Sheldon Gives History Medford's Good Roads Quest

The Mail Tribune publishes today the first installment of a four-chapter letter to the highway committee of the Medford chamber of commerce written by Ben C. Sheldon, former legislator and for many years prominent here in good road movements.

Mr. Sheldon's letter is a narration of the efforts and achievements of public spirited organizations and individuals in the past twenty years in the opening of scenic routes for tourists and the development of adjacent agricultural areas through better roads. It is presented as convincing evidence that Medford's attitude has always been not selfish advantage, but all around development of southern Oregon.

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POOLHALL MEN ASK REDUCTION FEDERAL FINES

Tonic Sale Plea Made With Understanding No Further Grief, Is Claim—Toppers Buy at Drug Stores Now, Is Assertion.

Archie Sutherland, William Rinehart and Rankin Estes, local pool hall operators, fined \$500 each for sale of wine tonic by the glass over a bar under the internal revenue regulation prohibiting the sale of liquor without a federal permit, will appeal and ask for a compromise fine, as provided for under the internal revenue rules, their attorney said today. The trio entered a plea of guilty in the state court to selling wine tonic by the glass and were fined \$325 and costs last spring.

Frank Desouza, counsel for the pool hall operators, said that he would ask for "a compromise on a nominal basis—and by nominal I mean \$10." He further stated that his clients entered a plea of guilty in the state court to the internal revenue department would be that the three pool hall men had suffered enough financially.

The pool hall operators also file another grievance. They claim that the tonic toppers purchase beverages at the drug stores by the bottle and adjourn up the alley to swing. When they finish a tonic bottle they cast it into the pool hall garbage can. The prohibition officers find the empty bottles in the garbage cans and make a rapid fire deduction that the pool hall operator is again selling tonic by the glass contrary to the statutes. Then the pool hall man has to prove that he is not.

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Synthetic Gin Causes Death Portland Man

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Charles Peterson, 43, died here today after he had taken a drink of synthetic gin purchased from a north end bootlegger. He became ill immediately after drinking the liquor.

Mrs. Louise Adams, 22, lost her sight today after drinking gin, police were told. She was taken to emergency hospital where it was said her sight was beginning to return.

CLOSEST SHAVE FOR M'MILLAN TERRIBLE SIGHT

Escape of Schooner Bow-doin From Icebergs Told By Explorer—Ship Lifted Bodily By Pressure of Ice—Hull Battered.

SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 16.—(AP)—The escape of his schooner Bow-doin from icebergs that bore down on her on August 18 was described today by Donald B. McMillan, as the closest shave he ever had in 21 years of Arctic exploration.

The ship had left Maine and was sailing off Freshwater bay when it was caught in heavy ice near Loks land point. For 12 days the Bow-doin was immovable in the grip of the ice pack, although clear water was only 100 yards away, the explorer said.

On the twelfth night the field ice began to break up and the surrounding bergs began to move at about four miles an hour.

"It was a fearsome sight," Mr. MacMillan said. "The great bergs, some of them from 200 to 300 feet in height, were plowing through the field with a tremendous commotion, piling up the shattered floes and all the time coming steadily down upon us."

While the commander cautiously attempted to maneuver the ship through the loosened ice, the Bow-doin was suddenly lifted bodily and carried over on her beam ends on a large floe by pressure of the surrounding ice. Slowly, the pressure slackened and the ship slid down into open water.

After sliding by towering ice mountains with only inches to spare, the Bow-doin swung behind a large berg and rode securely down the coast in the open water in its wake.

A scraped and battered hull is the Bow-doin's Memento of her encounter with the ice. After refueling the ship, the party will return to Wainwright, the starting point of the expedition.

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PANTAGES CASE HAS SURPRISES

Judge Hardy Issues Subpoena for Rev. Shuler to Explain Charges in Radio Talk That Jury Already 'Hung'—Prosecutor Says Go-Between Makes Confession

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Two sensational developments intensified interest in the battle of the state to convict Mrs. Lois Pantages, who is accused of the second degree murder of Jura Tokumoto as the result of her asserted intoxication and an automobile collision, as her trial was resumed in superior court today.

The first sensation, which related like a bombshell in the spectator-crowded courtroom, was Superior Judge Carlos Hardy's ordering of a subpoena for the appearance of a subcommittee of the Rev. Robert (Fighting Bob) Shuler. He is to be called upon to explain his charges, made over his radio broadcasting station last night, that the jury trying Mrs. Pantages already was "hung."

Go-Between Confesses
The other stirring development was the announcement by Chief Prosecutor James P. Costello that a man who had come to him confessing that he had been a "go-between" in arranging a meeting of Alexander Pantages, millionaire husband of the defendant, and a person who has testified as a defense witness in the trial, Costello said the "go-between" was Jack B. Yellin.

Yellin related, Costello said, that the defense witness involved was John Contorno, who last week testified that he had seen a "go-between" carry force Mrs. Pantages machine into the fatal collision. The prosecutor quoted Yellin as charging that Contorno, about two days after the accident, indicated to him there would be "plenty of dough" if Yellin would go to Pantages and tell him that "a brother lodge member" wanted to see him. Contorno told Yellin, the prosecutor continued, to tell the other magazine that the meeting would "do him a lot of good."

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Baseball Scores

American	R	H	E
Cleveland	4	8	0
New York	2	7	1
Batteries: Mitkus, Ferrell and La. Sewell; Wells and Dickey.			
National	R	H	E
St. Louis	3	6	1
Philadelphia	2	2	3
Batteries: Crowder and Marlin; Quint, Shores, Earnshaw and Cushman.			
International	R	H	E
Chicago	5	8	2
Boston	4	9	0
Batteries: Thomas and Herz; Ruffing and Heving.			
National	R	H	E
Boston	8	13	0
Cincinnati	4	7	2
Batteries: Smith and Spahr; Lucas and Gooch; Sukerth.			
International	R	H	E
Philadelphia	2	3	5
Pittsburg	2	10	0
Batteries: Sweetland and Leiman; Petty and Hensley, (16 innings.)			
Second game:	R	H	E
Philadelphia	2	3	1
Pittsburg	2	11	0
Batteries: Collins, Bailey, Morris and Loring; Beane and Hargroves.			

WORLD SERIES TICKET DEMAND SWAMPS MAIL

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 16.—(AP)—With the postal service pouring a stream of requests for world's series baseball tickets into Shible park today, the management of the Philadelphia Athletics had to rent a floor in a nearby factory building to take care of the mail.

Twenty girls, engaged to turn out return messages of love or woo, depending on whether the reply was "yes" or "no," went to work under the direction of Robert C