

WEATHER.

(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast.)
Fair tonight; tomorrow increasing clouds, with slowly rising temperature followed by showers tomorrow night or Monday. Temperatures—Highest, 89, at 2:15 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 60, at 6 a.m. today. Full report on page 7.

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TOWN ENDANGERED AS \$150,000 BLAZE DESTROYS STORE

Exploding Bullets and Wind Hinder Seat Pleasant Firefighters.

POSTMISTRESS SAVES MAIL AT RISK OF LIFE

Incendiarity Blamed for Worst Conflagration in Section's History—Several Injured.

Endangered by exploding ammunition, and handicapped by a high wind, firemen from eight District of Columbia and nine Prince Georges County companies early today brought under control the worst fire in the history of Seat Pleasant, Md., which in 45 minutes whiped out the general store and lumber shed of F. L. Watkins, causing property damage estimated at \$150,000.

Many had narrow escapes when a quantity of mail from the store was set off by the flames. Policeman George L. Heath of the sixth precinct, who was called from reserve duty at the ninth precinct, was cut on the nose by one of the bullets. He was treated at Casualty Hospital and later sent home.

Postmistress Is Heroine. Mrs. Vallie Gargan, postmistress, became the heroine of the fire when she rushed into the burning building, clad in pajamas and dressing gown, to save a quantity of mail from the store. Post office, which was quartered in the building, Mrs. Gargan also succeeded in saving the official post office records. She ordered an alarm to be sounded at the post office in a safe which withstood the flames and was salvaged from the embers this morning.

Fireman H. R. Morat, 2506 Twenty-eighth street northeast, an aide to Chief Ernest Howard of the 34 Battalion, sprained his leg when he stumbled over a wire fence. He was treated by a private physician. About six county volunteer firemen were reported injured by flying glass, but all returned to duty after receiving first aid on the scene.

Merlin Palmer, 21 years old, was passing the store early this morning. He heard some one yell "Fire!" and turned in the alarm at the nearby Seat Pleasant fire house.

Watkins and I. L. Main, the first to arrive on the scene, declared the blaze started simultaneously in two places—a store house containing wire and another store house, about 100 feet away, containing feed.

Heat Breaks Windows. One of the Seat Pleasant company's hose lines ignited, and 375 feet of hose was destroyed. Another hose line broke. The heat broke windows in the Chesapeake Beach Railroad Co.'s building. Sparks were blown over nearby structures, including the Southern Maryland Trust Co., the railroad station and the homes of Dr. Z. M. Brady and F. L. Watkins.

Everything was hastily carried out of the railroad station. The telephone lines in Seat Pleasant were cut out of order, and one electric light cable was broken by the blaze. When the ammunition exploded, several firemen threw themselves on the ground to avoid injury. The fire raged until the series of explosions was over.

A few items of the stock and a number of showcases were removed from the store before the flames reached.

200 BELIEVED LOST AS TYPHOON RAGES

10,000 Japanese, Drawn to Bay by Herring Run, Are Caught in Storm.

By the Associated Press. TOKIO, May 3.—The death toll in the typhoon which swept the southern portion of Saghalien Island and the northern coast of Hokkaido reached nearly 200 today by the appearance of great schools of herring. About 2,000 fishing boats were out when the typhoon struck.

Property damage has been estimated at \$2,500,000.

TRAPPED THRUSH CAUSES STIR AMONG SKYSCRAPER TENANTS

Flies Into Hollow Square of Chicago Building and All Efforts to Free Him Have Failed.

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, May 3.—A little brown thrush is causing a stir among the tenants of the 23-story State Bank Building, in the Loop.

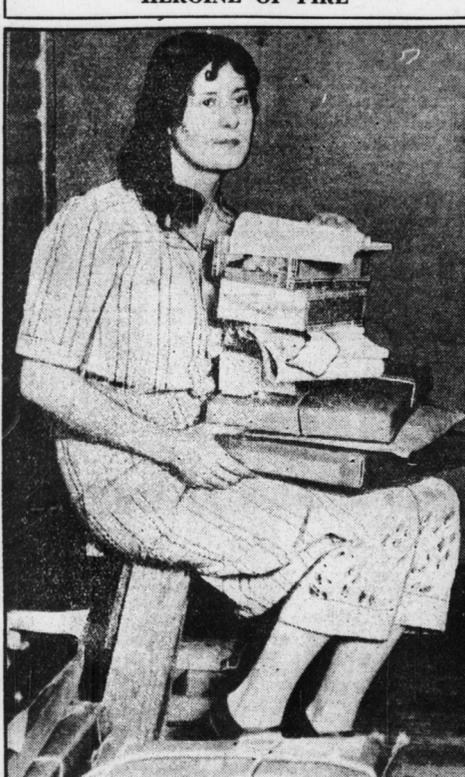
The skyscraper is in the shape of a hollow square, and it was into this hollow square that the thrush flew three days ago. By now, the little fellow realizes his mistake. There is not the slightest doubt that the thrush yearns for the meadows, woods and the rustling brook, and hundreds of workers in the State Bank Building are trying to help him get there.

Occupants of the building, which houses the Chicago Stock Exchange, keep the window ledges loaded with bird crumbs. One millionaire with particular information concerning the thrush's predicament, placed a head of lettuce enticingly before the bird, which, however, has shown no interest in a balanced diet.

An assistant fire chief, several firemen, some sage policemen and an agent of the Humane Society have tried every known device to get their neighbors' thrush so they can set him free. The thrush, however, is unusually dumb or else very happy in his predicament. Even the use of flashlights and nets at night has been unavailing.

Last night one office was left brilliantly lighted, with the window open, but the thrush was not interested. Business in the State Bank Building has suffered sadly. Even big stock and bond men, insurance brokers and investment bankers are spending hours watching the thrush and following the efforts made to capture it.

HEROINE OF FIRE



MRS. VALLIE GARGAN, Postmistress of Seat Pleasant, Md., photographed just after she rushed into the burning post office early this morning clad in pajamas and dressing gown and rescued mail and records.

CHINESE BANDITS RAID FAMINE AREA

Women and Children Join Starving Troops in Plundering.

By the Associated Press. SHANGHAI, May 3.—Church, press and consular reports indicate a considerable increase in banditry throughout China during the first months of this year. In some districts it is estimated that more than half the total population is engaged in looting and plundering their neighbors as a last means of obtaining a living.

Civil war, famine and the coldest winter in years are the chief causes of the war. In the South China provinces, excessive taxation is the principal force that has led the people to take up banditry, while in Central China and in the north the war, starvation and cold has served to drive hordes of men, women and children across the country, robbing and destroying as they go.

Hupei Province, in normal years, one of the richest districts along the Yangtze River, has been especially hard hit. Consular reports indicate that former soldiers have grouped into well organized gangs who loot towns and kidnap persons of even moderate means.

In Northern Hupei a night seldom passes but what a village or farmstead goes up in flames, reads the report of a mission in that section. "The price the bandits have levied in human lives may never be known, but the deserted and barren countryside gives ample evidence of the high toll exacted."

In the Provinces of Honan, Shantung and Kwangsi, similar conditions exist. Here, the reports indicate, country people have joined forces with the soldier gangs and are engaged in robbing and plundering the homes of their neighbors.

In the famine areas of Kansu and Shensi Provinces, banditry has attained alarming proportions. An otherwise rich agricultural region, that of China is now one of the most desolate and barren places in all Asia.

It is considered amazing that, despite widespread disorders, the number of foreign missionaries who live amid such conditions have been comparatively safe.

PRIESTS REPORTED WELL

BELFAST, North Ireland, May 3 (P).—The Irish priests, James Linehan and Dr. Kwanget, similar conditions exist. Even the use of flashlights and nets at night has been unavailing.

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SAILS FOR COPENHAGEN

New Minister to Denmark Leaves to Assume Duties.

NEW YORK, May 3 (P).—On what he described as his first occasion into diplomacy, Ralph H. Booth, Detroit publisher, sailed on the Leviathan today for Copenhagen to take up his duties as American Minister to Denmark.

Mr. Booth, president of the Booth Publishing Co. of Michigan, said he had traveled through Denmark four years ago and had become acquainted then with the country and its people. "I am looking forward," he said, "with pleasant anticipation to my work there."

He was accompanied by Mrs. Booth, their daughter Virginia and their son John Lord Booth.

BRITISH AWAITING ACTION OF GANDHI ON TWO THREATS

Arrest Indicated if He Goes to Bombay to Lead Movement.

PRISON ALSO IS FACED ON SALT DEPOT SEIZURE

Fewer Than 3,000 Reported to Have Responded to Call for 100,000 Followers.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, May 3.—The next move of the government in India was awaited here today with considerable interest. Feeling was widespread that it would involve arrest of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the civil disobedience campaign.

Bombay dispatches indicated the arrest might be made whenever Gandhi fulfills either of two threats—the first, to come to Bombay to lead personally his passive resistance movement, or the other, to move on Dharasana and seize the government-controlled salt depots there.

A Bombay dispatch to the Daily Mail suggested that Gandhi knowingly had placed conditions on his going to Bombay which he knew would not be complied with.

Wants 100,000 Followers. These conditions included requirement of 100,000 followers, wearing homespun, foregoing violence, practicing rigorous self-denial and pledging themselves to devote one hour a day to hand-spinning. The Mail said that fewer than 3,000 had responded to the call.

Earl Russell, undersecretary in the India office, in a speech last night at Southampton, remarked that Gandhi's campaign of professed non-violence has come already to considerable violence, and added:

"Gandhi expresses himself as very sorrowful that this has been the case, but says that it is a necessary result if it is a necessary result steps must be taken to put an end to it."

Russell deplored while the government "sympathetically" was doing all possible to bring the people of India to a conference where they might submit their claims and demands freely and have them examined, a certain proportion of the population prefer civil disobedience and even violence.

He contended that Viceroy Lord Irwin had shown extraordinary patience and forbearance, and said: "We are not going to be deflected from our intention to deal fully and frankly with the Indian question because of outbreaks."

DR. KITCHLOW ARRESTED.

AMRITSAR, India, May 3 (P).—Dr. Kitchlow, chairman of the reception committee when they broke up a procession was arrested, charged with sedition. The police were forced to scale the walls of the doctor's grounds to make the arrest. Entrance to his house was effected by battering the doors.

Upon receiving the news of his arrest, Dr. Kitchlow's supporters proclaimed a cessation of work wherever the streets were picketed by troops and police.

POLICE HALT PROCESSION.

CALCUTTA, Bengal, May 3 (P).—Police with staves injured several persons today when they broke up a procession in honor of the arrival of V. J. Patel, former speaker of the Indian Legislative Assembly.

Patel, who resigned recently in collaboration with the civil disobedience movement of Mahatma Gandhi, was received at a suburban station today. The police were forced to scale the walls of the doctor's grounds to make the arrest.

ROBBERS CUT WALL FOR BIG GEM HAUL

Crack Safe of Baltimore Firm and Take Jewels Valued at \$10,000.

Special Dispatch to The Star. BALTIMORE, Md., May 3.—Robbers who cut their way through a brick wall to gain entrance to the Albert S. Smyth & Co., wholesale jewelers of this city, last night used an electric drill and explosives on a large steel safe and made away with jewelry estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

The job was done, however, in the middle of the night and indications were that the men apparently worked at leisure for several hours. A number of tools that had been used by the robbers were found scattered on the floor about the open safe.

As there is no watchman in the building in which the wholesale jewelers are located, the officers are equipped with burglar alarms designed to ring in the Baltimore detective headquarters.

The robbers, however, circumvented the burglar alarm system, with which they apparently were acquainted, by breaking through a door of an adjoining office and then cutting a hole through the wall into the office of the jeweler.

The police reported that a coil of wire had been connected to an electric drill with a socket which was bored into the safe and by the use of the explosives opened the heavy door.

The men apparently were jewelry experts, for only the red diamonds, which had been in the safe last night, were carried by the robbers along with their tools.

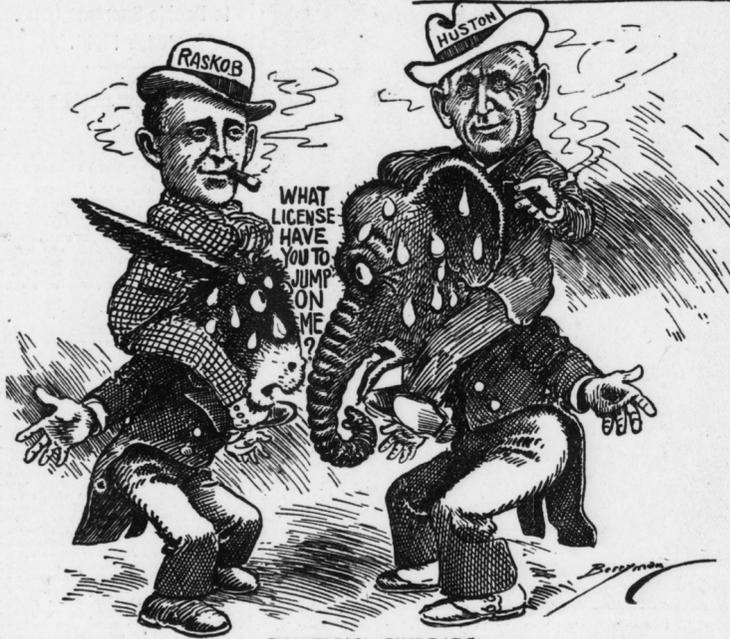
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POLITICAL SINDBADS.

CHANNEL SEARCHED FOR MURDER CLUE

Reported Discovery of Body in Water May Aid in Solving Baker Case.

A possible new "clue" in the Baker murder case was seen today in the reported discovery of a man's body floating in the channel of the Potomac River off Hains Point.

Discovery of the body was reported to park police by a passerby, but when the police went to the end of the point they were unable to sight the body from shore. The Detective Bureau was then notified and a crew from the harbor precinct set out in a motor boat to search the river in that vicinity.

Meanwhile one other lead was being run down by investigators, while another possible lead was discarded. George A. Kelly, 20 years old, who was brought back from New York yesterday on a warrant charging grand larceny, is being subjected to further questioning today. Police do not believe he had any connection with the crime itself, but hope he will be able to explain the presence of stolen jewelry with the clothing belonging to Miss Baker, which he found in a sewer on the Arlington Experimental Farm.

The warrant on which he was arrested charges theft on a boat from a Twelfth street rooming house two days after he found the articles in the sewer.

Body Identified. The other lead on which the police were working and which failed today was that which developed last night when a man's body was found floating in the river below Key Bridge. Today, however, the body was identified as that of Thomas O'Keefe, of 1525 1/2 street, a broker-in-law of Police Capt. Maurice Collins of No. 7 precinct. Police had thought it highly unlikely, prior to the identification, that the man had had any connection with the Baker murder, pointing out that if the man who killed Miss Baker had jumped in the river near the scene of the crime the body would have been carried by the current to Hains Point by this time.

It was also learned that the investigators are today running down several other clues, the nature of which was not revealed. They were described, however, as "not promising."

Independent of the police investigation, Navy Department officials, it was learned, are engaged in checking up the movements of every employe of that department who was absent from work Friday, April 11. It was believed Navy officials had this move in mind as an endeavor to establish definitely whether an employe of that department was connected in any way with the crime.

From the very outset of the investigation, the possibility that the slayer, if he was a friend or lover of the girl, might have taken to the water after committing the crime has been in the minds of operatives. On this theory they even went so far as to make a thorough search of the woods in the vicinity of the crime scene and investigate carefully every report of the disappearance of a man or woman in this city.

The decision to bring Kelly back from New York was made after one of the participants in the search, according to Inspector William S. Shelby, told police Kelly got out of the car and walked alone directly to the manhole in which the clothes were hidden, opened it, and then called the others back.

The police after talking to Kelly, said he admitted going straight to the manhole in which he found the articles, but insisted that this was merely a coincidence. It was pointed out that there were several manholes in that immediate vicinity and that the men who accompanied Kelly each picked out one as their first object of search.

Lieut. Edward J. Kelly, chief of the homicide squad, announced today that the man who had been placed in the follow-up car after the prisoner would be subjected to an additional grilling today, presumably in this city.

ACTION HAS PRECEDENTS.

Libel proceedings instituted at Peoria, Ill., to forfeit two farms on which stills were found, have been used for years under the internal revenue act.

Prohibition Commissioner Doran said last night that the proceeding against the farms was not a new departure but had frequently been taken advantage of by the prohibition bureau.

The law first was passed to enable the Internal Revenue Bureau to proceed against absent owners of property on which moonshine stills were found. In the days before prohibition it was considered one of the most effective instruments at the command of the Internal Revenue Bureau in its fight against moonshiners.

The law permits a Federal court to forfeit to the Government the property on which liquor is illegally manufactured.

It has been used frequently in the East and was invoked less than a year ago in Brooklyn, N. Y., against property in which a still was located.

WILL OF "POOR" HOUSEKEEPER BARES \$30,000 HIDDEN TREASURE

Securities Found in Trunk of Woman Who Worked for \$50 a Month and \$10 Extra for Firing Furnace.

Times were hard, so Miss Elizabeth Jerns was taken at her word when she asked her employer in a fashionable section of Northwest Washington several months ago for an extra job.

Her plea that she needed the money resulted in her employment at \$10 a month to fire a furnace. She already was receiving \$50 a month as a housekeeper in the same home. She had worked for the same family more than a quarter of a century, everything possible was done so that she could have all the necessities of life.

Miss Jerns became ill early in March and died a few days later of a cerebral hemorrhage. Her death caused marked distress in the neighborhood where she had lived so long.

MORROW IS GOING TO JERSEY TO OPEN SENATE CAMPAIGN

Ambassador Will Postpone Return to Mexico Until After Primary.

CANDIDATE IS SILENT ON PROHIBITION STAND

Comment Withheld Until Fight Gets Under Way—Baird Will Retain His Seat.

BY G. GOULD LINCOLN.

Dwight W. Morrow, Ambassador to Mexico, is not going to take a seat in the Senate now, but is going back to campaign for the Republican senatorial nomination.

Mr. Morrow, who has just returned from the London Naval Conference as one of the principal American delegates, made this clear today in a formal statement to the press.

It had been originally planned that Mr. Morrow was to be appointed to the Senate immediately on his return to this country from London, taking the seat now held by Senator Baird, who had agreed to resign.

Mr. Morrow's friends have urged him to take the wet side of this issue. Sentiment in New Jersey is regarded as strongly wet, and Democratic nominee undoubtedly will carry a wet standard.

Baird Urged to Keep Seat. The formal statement made to the press today by Mr. Morrow followed "Ambassador Morrow was notified Gov. Larson of New Jersey that he has decided not to accept his offer made last winter of the seat in the United States Senate. Mr. Morrow urged Senator Baird to retain the seat and Senator Baird consented. The unexpected arrest, however, of a Democratic nominee undoubtedly will carry a wet standard.

Mr. Morrow said that on his return from London he had decided to complete unfinished duties there before entering into his primary campaign in New Jersey. The prolongation of the London Conference has, however, made it impossible for him to go to Mexico until after the close of the primary campaign in June. Moreover, he feels that he should be available in this country to give such testimony and

pressure to be cut as main is repaired

Capitol Hill Area to Be on Gravity From Midnight to 8 Tomorrow.

Repairs to the first high service water main at Eleventh and R streets will necessitate the Capitol Hill area being put on the gravity flow system between 12 o'clock tonight and 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, it was announced today by Capt. Hugh Oram, Assistant Engineer Commissioner. The change will result in a slight reduction in water pressure, it was said, but only the high buildings would be affected.

The Capitol Hill area is bounded by North and South Capitol streets on the west, E street from North Capitol to Seventeenth street on the east, and north, Seventeenth street from E street northeast to E street southeast on the east and a street from South Capitol street to Seventeenth street on the south.

Skelly Escapes Death.

NEW YORK, May 3 (P).—Hal Skelly, stage and screen actor, turned a ground loop in landing his plane at Armonk Airport yesterday, but escaped injury. The landing gear of the ship was smashed.

PLAN LONE ATLANTIC VOYAGE.

SAO MARTINO, Portugal, May 3 (P).—Antonio Gomes Viegas, 50, today started plans for a voyage across the Atlantic to Manaus, Brazil, in a two-masted boat of his own construction. The craft is 27 feet long.

LIGHT ORGAN TO REPLACE "FOOTS" IN IBSEN'S DRAMA OF NORTHLAND

Clavilux Produces Illusion of Crackling Flames, Surging Waves and Norwegian Sunset in Play.

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, May 3.—An organ that plays light instead of sound will take the place of the footlights and "baby spots" when "The Vikings," Ibsen's play of the Northland, is produced here next week.

Seated at the piano-like keyboard of the instrument which he calls a clavilux, will be the inventor, Thomas Wilfred, operating the keys that can catch slide through a hundred different positions. They will be connected electrically with light projectors, stationed overhead, in the wings, and in place of the old-time "foots."

Against a black canvas backdrop on the stage the projectors, manipulated by the keys of the clavilux, will produce the illusion of crackling flames, surging waves and the brilliance of a Norwegian sunset. They will light the faces and illumine the features of the players.

The clavilux, an instrument of aluminum with ground glass lenses, has been used before as an accompaniment of light for symphonic music, notably in the rendition of Rimsky Korsakoff's "Scheherazade" by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in 1926.

Its use in connection with "The Vikings," however, will mark its first appearance in the professional theater.