TRY TO LYNCH BLUEBEARD!

Weather

Tonight and Wednesday, fair and warmer; moderate southwesterly winds.

Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 58. Minimum, 45.
Today noon, 53.

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HUSBAND SHOT THRU HEART

AS IT SEEMS TO ME

DANA SLEETH

NOTICE in a current "lead" editorial written by one of our local heavyweight journalistic brains in which publicity is given to the new, novel and attractive chore of selling potato plants.

This editor tells about a Georgia man who makes a fortune each year, selling potato plants, sending some of them a thousand miles, and then ye rural expert agronomical sharp goes on to say that for years and years it was not known that potatoes could be grown from plants; that only recently was this discovered, and intimates that farmers, as usual, have been missing golden opportunities.

The editor evidently imagined that those were Irish potato plants. Probably he never heard of a sweet potato plant. Doubtless he imagines that this Georgia farmer is shipping Irish potato plants a thousand miles and getting rich from his simple discovery.

But even amateur backyard gardeners know that the Irish potato, while plebeian, unexacting in its menu, not particular as to its environment, and thriving under adverse conditions, still it will not transplant to any remarkable degree, and the urban financier who undertakes to grow Irish potato plants for the market is going to loathe that editor with a deep and lasting loathing.

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NOR can ye editor alibi himself by saying of course he knew these were sweet potato plants, because the sweet potato has been grown from plants ever since it was grown. Forty years ago the sweet potato plant business was a thriving farm side line, and long before tomato and celery and cabbage plants were a market commodity, the sweet potato plant was current.

This is mentioned here because it is typical of a lot of city editorializing. And from such editorials the mass of the townsmen deduce their opinions about farmers, about food resources, about prices and profiteers.

A man who doesn't know how Irish potatoes grow, nor how sweet potatoes are propagated, is scarcely fitted to advise his readers about the pork situation, about the profits of the farmer, about the rural joys awaiting the back-to-the-lander, about the entire cluster of problems that is grouped about the chore of feeding our cities.

And yet this sort of bland ignorance is common, and its journalistic possessors would be the last minds in our fair city to imagine that they were not fitted to discuss any food problem thoroly.

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OF COURSE, the intelligence of the city population is below, rather than above, that of its editors, and so the farmer finds no understanding, no sympathy, no consideration from the very folks he feeds, and, finding no profits adequate to his investment, naturally he finally decides that since the town fool is wedded to his folly, why, let him starve.

And over this nation today, the farmer is preparing to let the town fellow fill his own bread basket.

That cute little trick of last year, when the millers boosted the price of hog feed out of sight, and the packers slumped the price of pork from 23 cents to 13 in a few weeks, has meant a slim pig crop this spring, and what that will mean will be sufficiently disclosed next fall, when these pigs should be ready for the butcher—only there won't be any pigs.

This sort of silliness has cut, in a year, our wheat crop one-third, and you will discover that next fall, when you buy your flour.

It has recently delivered us over to the hands of a few gamblers and profiteers, and made us buy our potatoes by the ounce instead of by the sack.

It has dispersed hundreds of dairy herds in the Northwest, and has introduced canned milk and imitation butter into tens of thousands of homes, which in due time will mean hundreds of thousands of weakened children, deprived of essential butter fats during their growing years.

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I SEE the national magazines and a few newspapers and some legislative bodies are really getting alarmed about the drift from the farm to the city, and some prophets are peering into the future and wondering just where this nation is going to find

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"SUICIDE" IS WIFE'S VERSION TO POLICE

Climbs Over Porch and Crawls Into Her Room Thru Window

Oscar Sandberg, who was warned by the court two weeks ago to keep away from his wife, pending trial of her divorce, was found lying across her bed in a room at 2311½ First ave., at 2:20 a. m. today with a bullet hole in his breast, dead.

A .38-caliber revolver, with one chamber discharged, was found lying beside the bed, close to his right hand.

In a statement to the police, Mrs. Sandberg said her husband killed himself. The statement was made in the presence of Detective M. J. McNamee and Motorcycle Policemen C. E. Rix, Frank Gladwin, Frank Bertrand and P. P. Vike.

P. Kelly, who was in an adjoining room with his wife when the shooting occurred, told the police Mrs. Sandberg called out to him to come and help her.

"YOU KEEP OUT OF THIS!" SANDBERG TOLD KELLY

Kelly said he opened the door between the two rooms, and, peering in, asked Sandberg what he was doing there.

"You keep out of this and go back to bed," he says Sandberg told him, slamming the door in his face.

"I heard them arguing," said Kelly. "And after a while I heard Mrs. Sandberg say, 'Don't kill yourself.' Then there was a shot."

According to Mrs. Sandberg, she and her husband had been having trouble for about three weeks. Two weeks ago she began divorce proceedings and got from the court an order restraining Sandberg from interfering with her.

POLICEMAN REMOVED HIM ABOUT A WEEK AGO

About a week ago, she said, Sandberg came to her lodgings and made himself so unwelcome that she had to call a policeman to remove him. Sandberg left his coat on this occasion and she threw it to him out the window.

Last night, Mrs. Sandberg told the police, her husband reached her bedroom window by climbing over a porch. She awoke to find him standing in the room.

He pleaded with her to abandon the divorce and "make up." When she refused to have anything further to do with him, she says, he became obstreperous and it was then that she shouted to Kelly.

"Then he pulled out his revolver," she said. "He said he was going to kill himself. I begged him not to do it. He put the gun against his heart and pulled the trigger and fell across the bed, just like he was when the officers came."

Labor Party Will Be Debated at "U"

Beth McCausland and Mary McNamara, university co-eds, will represent Washington in debate Tuesday night at Meany auditorium against University of Oregon. The question is, "Resolved, That American labor should support a political party of its own." Washington takes the affirmative.

FOUR WOMEN ARE HURT; HEN ISN'T

ST. JOHN, Wash., May 18.—Four women were thrown from an automobile and injured here when Mrs. Hugh Terhune swerved wildly to avoid hitting a hen which was walking calmly across the road.

Parley Wednesday on Car Finances

City affairs, including the financial situation confronting the municipal railway, will be reviewed at a special meeting of the city advisory board called for Wednesday by Mayor Caldwell. Present members of the advisory board include A. F. Haas, councilman; Walter F. Meier, corporation counsel; L. B. Youngs, chairman of board of public works; H. W. Carroll, city comptroller, and Ed L. Terry, treasurer.

CALL MATTHEWS PRO-JAP

Hoarding of Wealth Probe Is Proposed!

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A resolution to investigate the relation between high prices of necessaries and concentration of wealth was introduced in the senate today by Senator David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts. The investigation, under the resolution, would be made by a committee of five senators, and the president would be requested to give the committee access to income tax returns of corporations.

1,000 FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS

Missouri River Sweeps Over Omaha Dyke

OMAHA, Neb., May 18.—Rising waters of the Missouri river broke over the big East Omaha dyke early today, flooding six square miles of that section of the city, and rendering nearly 1,000 families homeless. Several houses are in danger of being swept away by the flood. The river is higher than at any time in 15 years.

There has been no loss of life and the flood is now subsiding. The dykes on the Iowa side, protecting Council Bluffs, are holding well. Should a break occur there, the west end of Council Bluffs would be in serious danger, as the river would have a clear sweep thru a low-lying district populated by 10,000 persons.

The river has broken into Lake Manawa, causing that body of water to overflow. Manawa park, including the dance pavilion, is inundated. Several hundred summer cottages, many of them occupied, are surrounded by the water.

Take Long Time to Get Freight Okeh

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Months must pass before normal movement of freight can be restored, members of the interstate commerce commission warned today.

"Halting traffic is not the way to keep it moving," said Commisisoner Aishton. The commission may use priority orders to a limited extent to clear congestion of freight cars at important terminals.

Ralph S. Stacy in Serious Condition

YREKA, Cal., May 18.—Ralph S. Stacy, president of the Scandinavian American bank, Seattle, who was taken from a train and operated upon here for appendicitis, is still in a serious condition, attendants announced.

Stacy was returning from San Francisco, where he had attended the foreign trade convention.

TRUE FRIEND IS FOUND AT LAST

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Found—A true friend. Francisco Pimpero refused to tell the police who nearly severed his ear and badly damaged his features at a friendly party at his home.

Load Cars Full, Urges Kuykendall

Shippers who only load freight cars to a part of their capacity are responsible in a great measure for the shortage of freight cars, said E. V. Kuykendall, member of state public service commission, Monday, at the Transportation club luncheon.

Arise, Folks, and Wipe Out Invaders

Caterpillar forces are advancing on the city and Seattle must arise in self-defense and fight the pest without delay. This was the warning of J. E. Standley, of Ye Olde Curiosity shop, today. "Tell Star readers to get busy," he postcarded.

Chicago Labor Man Clubbed and Shot

CHICAGO, May 18.—John Kikulski, organizer and president of the Stock Yards Labor council, was in a serious condition in a local hospital here early today after being clubbed and shot late last night. Kikulski was attacked, police believe, as the result of labor troubles.

TACOMAN KILLED BY HIS STEPSON

Phil B. Friedman Slain During Quarrel in Home

TACOMA, May 18.—Lieut. Robert Friedman, formerly of the tank corps, was held in the city jail today while detectives questioned closely Mrs. Phil B. Friedman, his mother, as to the circumstances that led up to the shooting of her husband, the lieutenant's step-father, in their fashionable home in the North End here last night.

The elder Friedman, a wealthy jeweler and sportsman, was shot twice thru the head. The police were called on the telephone by the dead man's step-son, who said he was the slayer, and told calmly of a quarrel which ended when he said he shot in self-defense.

His step-father, he said, had been abusing his mother. He interfered and the older man attacked him with a .45 caliber automatic pistol, which he wrested away in a struggle and fired, killing the jeweler instantly.

Young Friedman was attending the University of Washington when he enlisted during the war. He is 22. The dead man was 45.

SAYS FRIEDMAN WAS INSANE

"My father was insane," said Robert Friedman today. "His insanity was brought on from drink and running around with women.

"Ever since I came back from the service, he has been crazy. He was slowly killing my mother. At various times he had threatened her life. He was keeping girls in Seattle. A private room in his store was fitted up for the purpose. He would take women there and, at times, would not come home for weeks. He was sent for several times by Chief Smith and Prosecutor Askren, and warned to quit the practice."

Coed Weds for "Convenience" She Announces

BERKELEY, Cal., May 18.—How parental objection to the free love union of Lylian Stowell McCarthy and Arnold Edward Roth, University of California students, forced them into a "marriage of convenience," became known here today.

E. Avery McCarthy, prominent San Francisco and Los Angeles realty broker, insisted on the marriage, which took place in March.

"Father said I was a 'little fool' and a 'silly little thing,'" said the bride. "So there was no peace for us until we married according to the common custom. It was truly a marriage of convenience."

The groom, a son of Arnold Roth, New York manufacturer, insisted "true love is sufficient without a silly ceremony."

"We were happy," he said. "Why should one conform to a marriage ceremony when one does not believe in it? We merely say, 'hokus pokus' add voila! we are married according to custom. What fearful informalities are committed under the name of a 'legal wedding!'"

Film Will Show Fire Preventions

In anticipation of National Fire Prevention week, May 23-29, an educational motion picture entitled "Fire Prevention" will be exhibited at 2:30 and 3:30 Wednesday afternoon in the auditorium of the Frederick & Nelson store. Admission will be free.

VETERANS HERE SEND PROTESTS TO WILSON

Fear Pastor in Capital May Influence President for Brown Men

Dr. Mark A. Matthews, pastor of First Presbyterian church, and personal friend of President Wilson, is denounced as pro-Jap in resolutions passed by Theodore Roosevelt Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, here last night, at one of the most exciting meetings held in this city since the world war closed.

Dr. Matthews is speeding to the national capital on an unknown mission, following appearance of an article signed by him in a Sunday paper here, in which he flayed opponents of the Japanese as mere prejudiced agitators and un-American in sentiment.

ROOSEVELT POST SENDS RESOLUTIONS TO WILSON

Fearing, by reason of the clergyman's intimate and confidential relationship with the president, that he will attempt to influence the policies of the administration in behalf of the Japanese, Roosevelt post last night dispatched its resolutions to the president and to congress, urging that Dr. Matthews' views be ignored should he attempt to advance them while in Washington.

The several hundred members of the post are pledged in the resolutions to "resist surrender of our country to a brown race by every means in our power," and announce that this occasion is taken to "solemnly warn the president, the national congress as well as our comrades thruout the country, that the Japanese situation on the Pacific Coast is critical," and that unless handled promptly and in firm manner it will lead in a few years to war.

Immediate cancellation of the so-called "gentlemen's agreement, which the Japanese government has flagrantly violated," and exclusion of picture brides and Japanese immigrants, are measures urged upon the president and congress.

BAR ASIATICS FROM AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Other measures urged by the veterans are confirmation and legalization of the policy that Asiatics be forever barred from American citizenship and an amendment to the federal constitution providing that no child born in the United States of foreign parents shall become an American citizen unless both parents are of a race that is eligible to citizenship.

Answering some of Dr. Matthews' statements in his published article, the resolution states:

"Whereas, Dr. Matthews refers to the Japanese as a race which have been invited and welcomed to our shores; we reply that the Japanese have not been invited and are not welcome.

"Whereas, Dr. Matthews asks why we should be prejudiced against the Japanese because they apply their time and talent to growing vegetables, we reply that if all the land now occupied by the Japanese on the Pacific coast were available to white occupation every returned soldier who desired a farm could be placed on a tract of the most fertile land on earth, for a great part of the choicest lands on the Pacific coast are now held by Japanese.

VETERANS FOUND JOBS HELD BY JAPANESE

"Whereas, Rev. Matthews asks why be prejudiced against the Japanese because they are industrious, we reply because when we returned from the service of our country we found the jobs to which we were entitled held by Japanese.

"Whereas, Rev. Matthews asks why create prejudice because some American citizen sold his property to some syndicate in which Japanese money was deposited, we reply that when we went away to war the encroachments of the Japanese in the holding of property contrary to the laws of this state, were already a matter of serious concern, but that on our return we found the Japanese had taken advantage of abnormal war conditions to acquire property and invest in all lines of business to a degree which is nothing short of appalling.

"Whereas we freely offered our lives in response to the call of our country, be it resolved that we did not take up arms against the aggression of a white race only to return home and complacently see our country surrendered to a brown race, but pledge ourselves now to resist such surrender by every means in our power."

IRELAND CRISIS IS DEVELOPING

Thousands of Fresh Troops Sent Into Service

BY WEBB MILLER

LONDON, May 18.—The crisis in the north, west and south of Ireland, apparently was developing rapidly today, with all indications that Gen. MacReady had begun his long expected campaign to restore order.

Thousands of fresh troops were being distributed in the west and southwest, dispatches said.

The government was reported ready to adopt drastic measures in Londonderry, which newspapers described as "the city of the dreadful night." A large body of troops arrived in Londonderry last night, following three nights of rioting between Unionists and Sinn Feiners.

Trolley Repairer Is Killed by Fall

A fall to the ground while repairing a trolley on a city street car resulted in death for Charles W. Titus, 27, street car repair man, in the city hospital Tuesday. Titus was found unconscious between two cars by William Collier, car barn employe, and taken to the hospital by M. A. Sumner, foreman, 5545 31st ave. N. E. Titus lived at 123 Bowdoin place.

"ANNOYANCE" IS WORTH $2,666

SPOKANE, May 18.—"It annoys me," averred M. J. Rusch. He demonstrated in court, the only whistling nose in captivity. Wesley Hannan, cattle buyer, was charged with starting the whistle by a blow during a fight over a horse.

"To annoyance: $2,666," opined the jury.

Sends Reply to Airplane Message

W. G. Collin, secretary of the Neighborhood club, Stanwood, Wash., in a letter received today by S. H. Hedges, president of the Chamber of Commerce, replies to the letter of greeting sent him by the airplane, which carried The Star to Stanwood last Saturday.

"The remarkable progress made in the development of the air transportation during the last few years, has made it evident that the time is not far off when this form of transportation will be utilized to wonderful commercial advantage," wrote Mr. Collin.

Good News:

Women Take Credit

That the effect of women's thrift leagues is being felt thruout the country, as shown by declining prices in many lines, is stated in a telegram from the headquarters of the national women's activities in Washington, received by Miss Ethel Dean, secretary of the consumers' thrift movement here.

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Frisco Clothes Cheaper.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Cost of clothes is going down here. An epidemic of reduction sales appeared in the papers yesterday. Some merchants advertise a straight cut of 20 per cent on their stock, to continue until further notice. One concern attributes this move to the example set by "an Eastern merchant," and goes on to say that it is the purpose of clothing dealers to "break down the bulwarks of high prices and increasing costs."

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Hat Price Cut in Two.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 18.—W. A. Stronge of Stronge & Warner, big milliners, today announced price reductions approximating 50 per cent. The company operates a chain of millinery stores thruout the northwest.

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Omaha Cuts Prices.

OMAHA, Neb., May 18.—Today was a field day for Omaha shoppers. Following announcement of reduction in prices in big department stores of from 20 to 30 per cent, the stores this morning were beseiged by eager throngs of purchasers. The price war, started Saturday with a 20 per cent cut by one big department store, was followed yesterday by cuts of 30 per cent by other stores.

CONTINUE HUNT FOR CARRANZA

Rebel Cavalry Searching Mountain Regions

EL PASO, Texas, May 18.—Revolutionist cavalry today continued their hunt of the hills and mountains around Oaxaca for President Carranza, according to advices here.

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—Venustiano Carranza, deposed Mexican president, is fleeing northward and Francisco Villa is on his way to Mexico City, unaccompanied, according to advices to the state department today.

The American embassy at Mexico City informed the department Carranza was seen last Sunday passing thru Topela, a small village 90 miles south of Mexico City. He and a small escort were traveling northward at that time.

Rebel agents here thought that Villa probably would be appointed chief of the Mexican constabulary of the northern states.

The state of Yucatan, the last to desert Carranza, was reported to have joined the revolution.

The Mexican revolution and the possibility of recognition of the new regime there will probably be discussed by President Wilson and his cabinet, which meets late today.

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MEXICO CITY, via Laredo Junction, May 17.—(Night.)—General Alvaro Obregon does not anticipate quarrels between the leaders of the revolution when the power of the Carranzistas has been completely broken, he declared in an interview.

The divergent views of Obregon and General Gonzales have been "harmonized," the revolutionary leader said.

"Carranza has no chance to regain power," Obregon asserted. "Public opinion and the military forces are both too strongly against him.

"General Gonzales and I have harmonized our views. We opposed Carranza because he was abusing the people's right of franchise. Now Carranza has gone. Should Gonzales and I quarrel now it would be so obvious we were fighting over personal ambitions that neither the people nor soldiers would support us."

WORKERS DEMAND DEATH OF BIGAMIST

Murderer of Wives Is Now Locked Up in San Quentin Prison for Life

PORT COSTA, Cal., May 18.—Demanding that "Bluebeard" Watson be surrendered to them, and declaring they would lynch him, 50 stevedores crowded the station here when the train bringing the famous prisoner arrived from Los Angeles early today.

The prisoner was locked in a compartment on the train.

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Slayer Assigned for Labor in Jute Mill

SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY, California, May 18.—"Bluebeard" James P. Watson, confessed murderer of nine of his "wives," is now "No. 33755," in San Quentin prison, following a journey beginning at Los Angeles last night.

Besides his identity, he lost his locks and his beard, and, fitted in the regulation prison garb, he began a life sentence at 10 o'clock this morning and was assigned to work in the jute mill.

The routine of prison life will not begin for Watson, or No. 33755, until tomorrow. He will toil in the jute mill, close to Harry S. New, reputed son of United States Senator New. Young New was convicted of the murder of his sweetheart.

Garbed in the prison clothes, and without beard or hair, gave the arch slayer a more emaciated appearance, but he was perceptibly relieved. He had openly expressed the fear he would be lynched, or that he would be retried for another murder and sentenced to be hanged.

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Watson Is Weak and Emaciated

RICHMOND, Cal., May 18.—"Bluebeard" James P. Watson, slayer of nine of his wives, left here today on the 9 o'clock ferry for San Quentin, where he will serve a life sentence.

"Bluebeard" attracted little attention during a 40-minute stop here, for very few people knew of his arrival from Los Angeles.

COMPANION IS NEGRO BURGLAR

With the notorious wife slayer was J. D. Beard, negro burglar, and Deputy Sheriffs Couts and Bell, of Los Angeles.

The prisoners were not handcuffed as they were taken from the train here. Watson chatted with Police Chief W. H. Wood and the deputies during his stay at the local police station. He appeared very weak and emaciated, and was carried from the station to the ferry in a patrol wagon.

Bluebeard appeared little concerned over the final few moments of freedom before he will begin serving a life sentence in San Quentin. He made several last minute financial arrangements with the deputies, the nature of which was not divulged.

Trouble with the negro burglar developed, Deputy Sheriff Couts said, as soon as he found out that Watson would be his traveling companion.

According to him, Beard threatened violence and waxed voluble in his indignation.

"Ah, ain't in no class like dat. Ah's a honest burglar, ah am.

"Wha' fo gotta ride wid dis here bluewhiskers white trash?" demanded the black burglar indignantly. "Ah sure done let mahself in for 'lots of grief when ah broke in dat Los Angeles house. Ah knows ah bin a purty bad gazabo. Ah've done time for gran' larceny an' sich like, but dis is sho gonna be a lesson to me.

"Ma fambly always done pride demselves on our spectability, but jis' wait 'till mah wife see who ah'm travelin' wid now. Lordy me, man, but ah's gonna have some hard things to 'splain when dey let me out ob de big house."

Arnstein Will Be Arraigned in N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Jules W. ("Nicky") Arnstein will be arraigned in general sessions court today to plead to the two indictments charging him with participation in the $5,000,000 Wall Street bond theft plot.