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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Today and Friday, fair.
Wednesday, cloudy. High, 42; low, 36; range, 42.

FOURTH YEAR.

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DOGS OF WAR TUGGING AT LEASH

Every Indication Today That Government Intends to Force Immediate Solution of Nicaraguan Situation.

GUNBOATS ORDERED TO SAIL AT ONCE

Passport Is Sent Nicaraguan Minister by Secretary— Trouble Is in Sight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—There is every indication today that Uncle Sam intends to force immediate solution of the Nicaraguan situation and that the action of Secretary Knox in discontinuing diplomatic relations with the Zelayan government means an immediate movement looking toward a domination of the situation. The order for the transport Prairie to sail this afternoon with 700 marines for Central American waters and the Yorktown and Albany now at Magdalena to sail for Corinto means that this country is going to demand an explanation of the cruelty to her citizens in Nicaragua.

Zelaya Ready to Quit.
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 2.— President Zelaya is ready to give up his office and allow Secretary of State Knox to name his successor, according to a statement given out by Consul General Altachul, who is considered Zelaya's personal representative in the United States. The statement follows the arrival of two cable messages for Altachul, which are believed to have been from Zelaya.

The news that Secretary Knox had sent passports to the Nicaraguan representative at Washington was flashed to Zelaya from here last night. The messages received today are supposed to be his reply.

Marines Are Armed.
The marines sailing from Philadelphia today are fully equipped with ammunition and supplies for a hard campaign. In every way their departure has the appearance of "meaning business."

The upshot Yorktown and the cruiser Albany are ordered to proceed southward immediately. They will join the Des Moines on the west coast of Nicaragua. Managua, the capital, where Zelaya is a voluntary prisoner, is near the west coast and it is probable that any movement made by him would be in the direction of the Pacific.

It is known that the state department is in the possession of more information than has been made public and that there is more reason for the warlike preparations than is known by the public.

Will Demand Retribution.
That the United States will demand retribution for the execution of the two Americans cannot be doubted. There is not the least doubt but Zelaya would instantly submit to almost any conditions of an agreement with this country that would allow him personal protection.

Everything points to the probability of the United States having determined to treat with Zelaya only as an enemy. The positive refusal to deal with the representatives of Zelaya settled that point.

Transports Getting Ready.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Although the army transport officials at this port deny that orders have been received indicating the possibility of troops being sent to Nicaragua, the big transports Crook and Buford today are being overhauled and put into seagoing shape. At the Presidio there is an evident under current of excitement and unusual enthusiasm is being shown by the enlisted men over the possibility

LIPTON GETS BUSY



LATEST PORTRAIT OF SIR THOMAS LIPTON, WHO IS AFTER YACHT CUP AGAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—It became known today that Sir Thomas Lipton, since his return from America, has called into consultation some of the foremost yacht designers of Great Britain and is discussing with them the latest designs in yachts where speed is considered. No less than 20 different designs will be submitted to him. He has promised a large bonus aside from the regular price to the man whose design is accepted. Sir Thomas, since his return, has time and time again declared that he will carry off first honors in the next cup race with America.

COUNTY AND CITY CONTRIBUTE TO NEEDY CHILDREN

Miss Pease of Boys and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon Tenders Thanks for Aid Extended.

"I desire to most heartily thank the people of Medford and Jackson county for the assistance they have tendered the Boys' & Girls' Aid society of Oregon," stated Miss Myrtle E. Pease, district visitor and investigator of the society, who is in Medford on business in connection with her duties.

"To Medford thanks are due to the many who have aided us in our work and to the public school children who have but recently endowed a comfort cot in the Portland home. To Jackson county for the contribution of \$10 a month to aid in the work.

"Great interest has been taken in our work by the people of this section," continued Miss Pease, "and it is a pleasure to work here. We are trying to make little ones more comfortable, who have met with misfortune early in life. It is a great work and co-operation is needed, and nowhere have I met with greater response than in this city and county." Miss Pease has made several trips in the interest of her society to Medford. The society is doing a great deal for the unfortunate children of the state, and her cause is one worthy of support.

Mr. Bates is having a four-room residence built on North Bartlett street. J. B. Martin is the builder.

HOUSE OF LORDS FACES COMPLETE ANNIHILATION

Call Issued for Mass Meeting Stating That This "Power for Evil" Should Be Forever Destroyed.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The National Democratic league today issued a call for a great mass meeting to be held in Trafalgar square on Saturday when the warfare upon the house of lords following the rejection of the budget will begin.

The call says: "The lords have declared war against the people."

It urges the people to destroy forever the "power for evil" now exercised by the lords. Parliament will be prorogued at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon if the present plans are carried out.

The prorogation will dissolve parliament only until January 1, as it is considered unsafe to end the session irrevocably, as would be the case if it were not for the present crisis. The budget debate was resumed today in the house of commons, when Premier Asquith presented a resolution stating: "That the action of the house of lords in refusing to enact the financial provision made by the house of commons for the year is a breach of the constitution and usurpation of the house of commons."

The premier himself led the debate in which the lords were severely scored for their action.

SALT LAKE DIVISION GOES BACK TO ESPEE

RENO, Nev., Dec. 2.—It is reported here on good authority that after January 1 the management and control of the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific will revert from the Oregon Short Line to the Southern Pacific company.

FRISCO GETS JIM - JACK FIGHT

Managers Accept Bid of Rickard and Gleason— Fight Will Be Held in or Near San Francisco.

PURSE IS OVER HUNDRED THOUSAND

Tom McCarey of Los Angeles Says He Got a Cold Deck Deal—Probably in July.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—It was announced today that the managers of Jeffries and Johnson have accepted the bid of E. M. Rickard, allied with Jack Gleason, for staging the world's championship fight. The proposition accepted was the first offered by Rickard, namely: A guaranteed purse of \$101,000 and two-thirds of the receipts from moving pictures.

It is understood that Promoter Coffroth is in the deal with Rickard and Gleason and that the fight will be held at or near San Francisco. The fighters are figuring a big income from the pictures.

The only positive decision as to the location of the fight was set forth in the bid when it was stated that the battle must be held "in California, Nevada or Utah."

Tom McCarey of Los Angeles claims that the thing was "framed up" against him, and he never would have a chance against the "combine" no matter what his bid might have been.

Oceanview, where Gleason proposes to erect an arena, probably will be the scene of the big battle. Rickard may hold Ely up as the place for a while for advertising purposes, but his business sense will tell him that the logical place is where the population can be found. Ely, which is as isolated as Goldfield, could not get the crowd, and \$101,000 is a lot of money.

McCarey's claim that the cards were stacked against him seems justified at this distance, on the face of his flat purse offer, but the fighters are banking heavily on the picture money and the 162-3 per cent more of the privileges that Rickard offered looked mighty good.

Graney's "out" was not unexpected. He got in late and further hurt his chances by talking of jobs and displaying a grudge the moment he hit New York.

J. H. Cooley of Medford was at Ashland Wednesday evening receiving the Knight Templar degree in Malta Commandery.

HEIRS COMPROMISE WITH ROAD FOR \$500

Southern Pacific Pays That Sum to Heirs of Walter Swartzfager, Recently Killed.

The heirs of the late Walter Swartzfager of Jacksonville, whose death several months ago resulted from injuries received by falling from a Southern Pacific train at Grants Pass, have compromised their claim against the railroad company for \$500.

Swartzfager had taken passage on a regular train for Grants Pass. He alighted from the train while it was still in motion, fell and received the injuries which caused his death.

HAFER LOSES GRIP AND PAPERS

After Working for Months Preparing Estimates and Taking Inventory of Properties, Hafer Loses Same.

IS IN KALAMAZOO WITH DEWING BROS.

Gets Wrong Grip While on Train and Loses Valuable Papers—May Return.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 2.—Edgar S. Hafer, general manager of the Crater Lake Lumber company of Medford, Or., who is stopping at the Burdick hotel, mourns the loss of a suitcase containing valuable reports and estimates of extensive lumber tracts on the Pacific coast. Mr. Hafer arrived in Kalamazoo from the west last Tuesday night and lost his grip as he left the train at the Michigan Central depot.

Mr. Hafer had an appointment in Kalamazoo with C. A. Dewing and Edward Woodbury to confer with them on matters of mutual interest concerning lumber property on the coast. He occupied a seat in the chair car and when the train arrived at the station the porter carried two grips, presumably Mr. Hafer's, to the platform.

As the train was pulling out Mr. Hafer discovered that one of his grips was missing and that he had been given another party's grip by mistake. He gave the unknown's grip to one of the porters, instructing him to endeavor to locate his own grip and forward it to Kalamazoo.

Investigation by the Michigan Central authorities developed that the grip Mr. Hafer had given the porter was the property of a W. E. Crittenden of Clatsonia, Neb. So far Mr. Crittenden has not been located, neither has Mr. Hafer's case been returned to him.

The papers and reports in the missing case involve several weeks of hard labor in their preparation, and while of great value to the representative of the lumber company, are worthless to others. Unless the papers are returned immediately, Mr. Hafer will have to go back to Oregon and begin the work all over again.

Mr. Hafer is under the impression that the party who secured his grip is holding it for the sake of a reward being offered.

For the past three months Mr. Hafer has been hard at work in this city preparing a complete inventory and estimate of the entire holdings of the Crater Lake Lumber company. It is these papers which he lost.

HARRINGTON-PHIPPS CASE UP DEC. 15

Famous Damage Suit Will Be Heard in Circuit Court Starting on December 15.

The now famous suit of Harrington vs. W. E. Phipps et al., for \$20,000 for false imprisonment will come up in the circuit court for trial on December 15. For some time the case has dragged along and only recently was the order made setting the case for trial.

The case grew out of a bitterly waged contest over the ownership of the Office saloon in this city, during which Harrington was jailed for contempt of court. County Judge Neil is made a party to the suit with W. E. Phipps.

MEDFORD AWOKO TO LEARN THAT IT WAS NEARLY XMAS TIME



The weather man sure enough has got 'em. Here he is six weeks ahead of time with a snow storm. Medford awoke this morning to realize that it is nearly Christmas time and father was sore because he forgot to bring in the wood. Nearly an inch of snow fell Thursday morning, unusually early in the winter. Last winter the first snow fell on January 22. However, by noon the clouds had rolled away and the sun came out as if to make up for December's little joke. Fair weather is promised for Friday.

FIRST COMICE IN LONDON SELL AT \$3'36 HALF BOX

A. C. Allen of Hollywood Orchard Notified of Sale of 314 Half Boxes of Fancy Comice at \$3.36.

A. C. Allen of the Hollywood orchard received notice today that 314 half boxes of Comice pears from his orchard had sold at \$3.36 a half box in London.

This is the high price for Comice this year in the London market, being \$3.72 per box. They are among the first to be offered.

January sales in London are always the highest and it is confidently expected that the price will go over \$3 a box.

PREPARE FIGHT ON CONSERVATION

Friends of the Policy Realize That Their Fight Will Center in the Committee on Public Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The friends of the policy of conservation of natural resources realize today that their fight in the congress which convenes Monday will be centered in the house committee on lands. It is said that the conservation measures are apt to slumber in the committee pigeonhole unless Fitzgerald's amendment to the house rules can be operated to force the measures out.

Speaker Cannon and Representative Mondell of Wyoming, who is chairman of the lands committee, are said to have an understanding. Mondell owns a great amount of land in Wyoming.

It will be asserted that Secretary Ballinger's recommendations for conservation legislation are for the most part unconstitutional. A member who is lined up with Cannon and Mondell in the fight today said: "To say that a sovereign state cannot control the waters within its borders is preposterous."

BUTTE MINES FORCED TO CLOSE

Traffic and Trade in Northwest Paralyzed by Switchmen's Strike— Officials Admit Its Seriousness.

RAILROADS TRYING TO FILL VACANCIES

Men Are Paid Off and Frantic Efforts Are Being Made to Replace the Strikers.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 2.—Strikebreakers brought from Milwaukee and Chicago arrived here today to replace the striking members of the National Switchmen's union.

Although many of the places vacated by the strikers were filled with the imported men, there was little improvement in the local situation, and traffic on all lines between this city and the Pacific coast is in a chaotic condition. Additional strikebreakers are expected to arrive from Chicago tonight, and tomorrow the first concerted attempt of the roads centering here to relieve the tieup probably will be made. Five thousand flour mills operatives are idle here and in Minneapolis today. All the great mills in the Twin Cities have closed down.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 2.—The immense Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated Copper company closed down today as a result of the strike of the switchmen, which has paralyzed traffic and trade throughout this section. Three thousand men are thrown out of employment because of the action of the mine officials.

The inability to secure transportation of ore to the smelters at Great Falls was given as the immediate cause of the closing of the mines. Because of the resulting shortage of ore, the Great Falls smelters were compelled also to close and there are 1500 operatives idle today. Freight traffic on the lines of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads throughout Montana is completely demoralized.

LUMBERMEN TO GET BIG REFUND

California Lumber Shippers Will Be Reimbursed for High Rates Paid Since the Year 1907.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 2.—As a result of a protest against the Southern Pacific company filed before the interstate commerce commission by lumber shippers of Washington and Oregon, the railroad will refund to California shippers all tolls collected since November, 1907, in excess of the rates in effect before that time.

Although the protest of the Oregon and Washington shippers was sustained, and reimbursement made, California lumber men failed to file a similar protest. Attorney C. W. Duffrow of the Southern Pacific yesterday issued notice that the company would voluntarily make the refunds.

As a result of Durbrow's announcement, Examiner George N. Brown has called off refunding suits brought in the local courts against the road. It was stated that more than \$100,000 would be returned to California shippers.