

FORECAST  
FAIR, COOLER TONIGHT  
AND TUESDAY.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER  
Max. Yes. 18; Min. Today  
34; Pre. total for storm .47

Forty-sixth Year.  
Daily—Eleventh Year.

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## FISK SAYS LAWSON IS PERJURER

Pliny Fisk's Denial of Charges Made by Frenzied Financier Most Sweeping—Declares Lawson Should Be Taken at His Word and Put Behind the Bars—Has No Connection With McAdoo or Other Government Officials.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Archibald S. White, testifying before the "leak" committee today, denied Thomas W. Lawson's charges that White told him Pliny Fisk has boasted to him about his alleged control of Secretary McAdoo. "It's all romance," White declared. "I never mentioned Fisk's name to Lawson."

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A sweeping denial of all of Thomas W. Lawson's charges against him, particularly his alleged association with Secretary McAdoo in Wall street deals was made today before the "leak" investigating committee by Pliny Fisk and sons, New York bankers.

Among categorical denials made by Mr. Fisk were that he ever had a joint Wall street account with McAdoo and a "Senator O," that he had told Archibald White or anyone else that he controlled Secretary McAdoo, and had offered to call him out of bed at an early morning hour to answer a telephone call and that he had received any advance information regarding President Wilson's peace note.

Denial Is Sweeping.  
Asked if his firm had ever enjoyed any advantages in transactions with the treasury department, Fisk replied negatively. He admitted that after offering to Secretary McAdoo that offices in a building his firm owned would be suitable for the federal reserve bank, he had leased the offices to the government for 18 months two years ago.

In response to questions by Representative Bennett the banker said that it was his judgment that the market, prior to the publication of the president's peace note was in an over-bought condition and ready for a violent drop. All it wanted was an excuse.

"I never," he declared, "talked, dreamed of or imagined a pool for stock market speculation with Mr. McAdoo or any other government official. Our business is not stock gambling."

Lawson's "Disordered Brain."  
In closing his testimony Fisk made the voluntary statement that he still thought Lawson's statement probably was the result of a "disordered brain," and severely criticized him for dragging the name of Harvey Fisk and Sons into the inquiry.

"Lawson should be taken at his word," Fisk said, "and placed behind the bars on the basis of perjury when he wantonly handles the name of a reputable citizen. If his statement is the result of a disordered brain, as it appears to be, perhaps the Good Lord will take care of him in his own way."

Lawson, it developed today, had been ordered to remain in touch with the committee, as he may be recalled, at any time. He will not take his protest.

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## ROTARY PLOWS CLEAR UNION PACIFIC TRACKS

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 29.—Rotary plows are preceding each "fleet" of Union Pacific trains put thru the storm district today. All trains are moving again, most of the eastern bound traffic having passed Cheyenne by eight o'clock and all of the delayed westbound trains having passed through the blockade region. If no more snow falls, the line will remain clear.

## RUSSIANS BREAK GERMAN LINES 2 MILE FRONT

Slavs Assume Offensive on Northern End of Rumanian Line—Spirited Fighting on Several Fronts—Russians Also on Offensive in Galicia—Fighting at Verdun.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 29.—During Saturday's battle northeast of Jacobeni, on the northern end of the Rumanian front, Russian troops captured thirty officers and more than 1000 men, the war office announced today.

Despite the severity of the weather reported from nearly all the European battlefronts, spirited fighting is taking place in several of the war areas.

### Russian Offensive.

The most notable recent development is on the northern end of the Rumanian line, where the Russians took the offensive Saturday and broke through the Austro-German lines on a two-mile front along the railway from Kimpoling to Jacobeni. According to today's German official statement, the Russian forces have been unable to make further progress. The Russians are also on the offensive in the Zeta Lapa region, in Galicia, where their campaign for Lemberg came to a pause some months ago. Turkish troops apparently are the main defenders of the central powers' line in this region, and Berlin declares that they have been successful in beating off the assaults.

The Franco-Belgian front is also breaking into activity at many points, on Verdun front.

Berlin reports persistent efforts by the French to recapture their lost position at Hill 304, northwest of Verdun. A surprise attack which failed was followed by three assaults, but these are declared all to have broken down without gain.

The British front in France is also a lively sector. The reported capture by the British late last week of an independent position near Le Transloy was followed yesterday by fresh assaults delivered by British troops north of Arras. These failed with severe losses, according to Berlin, while southwest of Le Transloy the Germans captured a British post.

## PRESIDENT VEToes IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Today President Wilson vetoed the immigration bill passed recently by congress because of its literacy test provision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—President Wilson went to the capital again today for conferences with members of the senate and house on his legislative program.

The president was told by Representative Sims of the house commerce committee that it would be impossible to secure favorable action in the house on Mr. Wilson's original program for railroad legislation.

W. H. Wadhams, of the executive committee of the League to Enforce Peace, told the president that that organization supported his recent peace address to the senate.

## CAMPBELL WINS GOVERNORSHIP

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 29.—Governor Thomas E. Campbell, the de facto chief executive of Arizona, by reason of the decision of the supreme court Saturday, took over the executive offices today and prepared to deliver his address to a joint session of the legislature this afternoon. The new executive had announced his intention of retaining Governor Hunt's staff, but none of the employees reported for duty and the morning was spent in organizing an office force. There were no demonstrations. The governor's message to the legislature is general in character.

## BIG MEN NAMED BY THOMAS W. LAWSON IN "LEAK" PROBE



JOSEPH P. TUMULTY



WM. G. McADOO



ROBT. L. HENRY



ROBERT LANSING



PLINEY FISKE



CHAS. SABIN



STUART GIBBONEY



A. S. WHITE

Henry, congressman from Texas, is chairman of the leak committee said by Lawson to have given him the name of McAdoo. Lawson said he was told McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, was in a stock pool. Fiske is of Harvey Fisk & Co., New York.

White, capitalist, was named by Lawson as his informant. Gibboney, partner of Malcolm McAdoo; Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Co., New York are said to have known about the leak.

## CHICAGO BROKER IN BANKRUPTCY; FRAUD ALLEGED

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A petition in bankruptcy and for a receiver against Von Frantz & Co., a big stock brokerage house of Chicago, was filed today by creditors who allege that liabilities of \$2,000,000 exceeded the assets by \$350,000.

Fritz Von Frantz, founder of the house, died recently. He attained wide publicity two years ago by his marriage to Saharet, the dancer. He was divorced from his wife and fell in love with a painting of the dancer long before he met her. They lived together only a few days when she left him. Later he divorced her.

It is alleged in the petition that Von Frantz and his partner in the final months of 1916 committed various acts of bankruptcy in transferring assets to preferred creditors. One of these alleged transactions, the petition asserts, was the transfer of \$400,000 to Scott Brown a lawyer.

Mr. Brown was asked, as to the \$400,000.

"Never heard of it; know nothing about it; don't want to be quoted," he said.

## MORE VICTIMS OF SUBMARINES

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The crew of the Norwegian steamer Thorsodol, 1762 tons gross, sunk by a German submarine, has arrived at Las Palmas, says a Reuter's dispatch from that Canary Island port today. The captain was held a prisoner on board the submarine.

At Lloyd's Shipping agency today, it was announced that the Norwegian steamship Donsdal, of 698 tons gross had been sunk. The Russian steamer Taref was posted as "believed sunk."

Lloyd's also announced the sinking of the British steamship Netheron of 7654 tons gross. The captain and crew were killed.

The Matheran was 450 feet long, built in Belfast in 1906 and owned by the T. & J. Brooksbank, Ltd., of Liverpool.

## BATTLE ON BORDER PROVES BLOODLESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—In the first account of the fight between Irish employes, American cowboys and Mexican raiders at Fabay, Ariz., received here today, General Funston said there were no American or Mexican casualties.

## SEATTLE MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE, SHERIFF INDICTED

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—It was said at the federal building today that none of the defendants indicted last Saturday by the federal grand jury for alleged acceptance of bribes and alleged conspiracy to violate the federal inter-state commerce and liquor laws would be arraigned today.

Among those indicted are Mayor Hiram C. Gill, Chief of Police Charles L. Beckingham, Former Sheriff Robert T. Hodge and Edward D. Baker, manager of the Jesse Moore Hunt company, a large wholesale liquor house of San Francisco. Baker left San Francisco for Seattle Saturday night and it is understood the arraignments will not be made until Baker arrives here. All the defendants are at liberty under bonds, and Mayor Gill and Chief Beckingham are at their desks today.

In the superior court today the trial was begun of Policeman Edward Hagen, indicted by the county grand jury for alleged acceptance of a bribe from a violator of the state prohibition law.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—Mayor Hiram C. Gill and Chief of Police Charles L. Beckingham appeared in the federal court this morning and entered pleas of not guilty to the indictments filed against them last Saturday by the federal grand jury, charging them with accepting bribes and with conspiracy to violate the federal liquor and interstate commerce laws. Mayor Gill asked for a separate trial and Federal Judge Netter took the request under advisement. The mayor announced Saturday that he would raise no technical objection against the indictments, but would seek an early trial.

Ex-Sheriff Hodge and the other defendants did not appear. It is understood that Hodge and the indicted policeman will attack the validity of the indictments. Edward D. Baker, manager of the Jesse Moore Hunt liquor company of San Francisco, indicted for conspiracy, and with the so-called Billingsley liquor syndicate and with the so-called Margot liquor syndicate, did not appear in court. It is reported that he left San Francisco for Seattle Saturday night.

The trial of the indicted men cannot be begun within a month, even if every effort is made to expedite them.

## BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Juvonston, 2747 tons, has been sunk.

## ALLIED TRANSPORT FILLED WITH TROOPS SUNK BY U-BOAT

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The sinking of a transport ship filled with troops in the Mediterranean by a German submarine on January 25 was announced today by the admiralty. The vessel sank in ten minutes.

The following announcement was issued:

"A German submarine in the eastern Mediterranean on January 9 sank a fully laden steamer of about 5000 tons, and on January 15 the armed British tank steamer Garfield, 3800 tons, bound from Malta to Port Said with coal and oil. The captain of the Garfield was made prisoner.

"The same submarine on January 25, about 250 miles east of Malta, sank with a torpedo an armed hostile transport steamer, proceeding eastward, conveyed by a French torpedo boat. The steamer, which was crammed with troops, sank within ten minutes."

## MOTHERS MARCH TO ATTEND TRIAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Interest in the efforts of the birth control propagandists to succeed their doctrine shifted today from the Blackwell Island workhouse, where Mrs. Ethel Byrne is conducting a hunger strike, to the special session court in Brooklyn, and the trial of Mrs. Byrne's sister, Mrs. Margaret Sanger and Miss Fania Mondell.

Mrs. Sanger and Miss Mondell are charged with aiding in the conduct of a birth control clinic, the same offense for which Mrs. Byrne is serving a thirty-day sentence.

It was announced that 500 mothers from that part of Brooklyn will accompany her to court pushing their children in baby carriages.

## \$351,000,000 FOR NAVY IS VOTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$351,000,000 and providing for this year's share of the three-year construction program, including three great battleships and one battle cruiser, was voted out late today by the house naval committee.

## MEXICANS RIOT AT JUAREZ WHEN FORCED TO BATHE

American Quarantine Regulations Cause Demonstration at International Bridge, in Which Villa Partisans Are Prominent—Women Start Disorder—Officers Injured.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 29.—Chief of Police Maximo Torres of Juarez, announced this afternoon he had ordered all ringleaders of the quarantine riots at the international bridge arrested, according to government agents here. This order included both men and women, it was said.

The chief of police was said to have admitted Villa partisans were largely responsible for the rioting. One of the latter is reported to have been killed.

Rioting in Juarez as a result of American quarantine regulations was resumed early today. It was a continuation of the demonstration yesterday in which hundreds of women participated.

### Rioting in Progress.

Today more men than women took part. Rioters approaching the middle of the international bridge hurled missiles at United States soldiers on guard, until two non-commissioned officers were injured, one by a flying bottle and the other by a rock.

Mexican cavalry ultimately succeeded in driving the demonstrators away from the bridge. Andres Garcia, inspector general of Mexican consulates, crossed to Juarez to attempt to pacify the mob. There was no streetcar traffic.

The regulations will be continued at the United States immigration station, it was announced by the senior surgeon in charge of border quarantine of the United States health service.

### Baths Caused Riots.

More than 200 Mexicans were given baths at the newly opened quarantining bath house today, and many others were passed after they showed certificates from Dr. Castillo, the Mexican federal health officer in Juarez, showing they had been bathed. An arrangement whereby these certificates issued in Mexico would be accepted by the United States health officials was made yesterday by Inspector General Andres Garcia. However, Dr. Pierre said today these would be accepted only when the holder was seen to be clean and the clothing disinfected.

The situation in Juarez developed from a purely local demonstration yesterday against the quarantine regulations, led by a number of Mexican servant girls employed in El Paso, into a general demonstration today against Americans, with an undercurrent of Mexican political feeling running high.

## AMERICAN TROOPS MOVING NORTHWARD

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 29.—American expeditionary troops were moving toward Ojo Federico, forty miles from the border late yesterday, according to passengers arriving here today from Columbus, N. M.

The general review of the expeditionary forces at Palomas Lake, on the Mexican side of the boundary line, will probably occur Sunday, it was said, after which the troops will proceed across the border to Columbus.

Mormon leaders here sent an urgent appeal today to all Mormon residents of western Chihuahua to leave for the border before the last of the expeditionary troops left Colonia Duhlan.

## WILSON APPROVES POSTMASTER BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Approval was given by President Wilson today to the senate's amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial bill, which would put every postmaster in the country under civil service.

## FEAR TIMBER WOLVES KILLED HAMMERSLEY

Finding of Scattered Bones, Empty Rifles and Bodies of Three Lean Wolves on Evans Creek Believed to Tell Grim Story of Fatal Struggle in Which Hunter Torn to Shreds.

GOLD HILL, Ore., Jan. 29.—Finding of a man's scattered bones, his empty rifle and bodies of three lean timber wolves Friday on Evans creek, Jackson county, told a grim story, it is believed, of a fatal struggle in which John Hammersley, a missing government hunter, was torn to shreds by a pack of hungry wolves, but only after he had killed three of the animals. News of the discovery, which was made about a mile from Hammersley's camp by timbermen, was brought here today.

Evidence of Struggle.  
In the clearing in the willows where the bones were found the ground was torn up, giving evidence of a terrific struggle. The hunter's clothes were ripped to shreds and his bones were licked clean. Indications were that the fight occurred not long ago.

A posse which has been searching for Hammersley believes the bones are Hammersley's, as no other trace of him or his pack of hounds has been found. It is believed the hounds fed when the wolves set upon their master. Attempts to identify the rifle will be made.

### Was Government Hunter.

Nothing more definite concerning the identity of the skeleton found at Evans creek had been learned at Gold Hill this afternoon. The wife of the missing man has organized a party of men who will arrive at the spot where the struggle took place some time late this afternoon, when it is thought some definite clue to the identity of the man will be found.

Hammersley is well known in this vicinity, having lived for a number of years at Gold Hill. For several years he has worked for the government killing wild animals, and has spent most of his time at his cabin on Evans creek. Previously he was a deputy game warden.

Hammersley was married to a widow of Grants Pass about a year ago.

## SEEK INJUNCTION AGAINST ISSUANCE OF CITY BONDS

Backed by a syndicate of Medynski supporters, Medford's former city attorney, B. R. McCabe, this morning filed a suit in equity asking for a restraining order to prevent the city of Medford and the city officers from selling or transferring any of the proposed bonds authorized under the Hanson plan, or of attempting to carry out any of the provisions of the plan itself. The suit was filed in behalf of Charles D. Colby, who was the plaintiff in the suit brought to prevent the sale of the Blue Ledge bonds.

The complaint states as grounds for asking for the restraining order that the Hanson plan is illegal and therefore void. It alleges irregularities both in the plan itself and in the election held in the month, when the plan was approved by the voters of the city by an overwhelming majority.

In answer to the complaint, Judge Colkins issued an order that the mayor and other city officials appear before him Friday, February 2, and show cause why the restraining order should not be issued.

Representatives of a number of bonding houses are present in Medford and tonight are expected to submit to the prompt bids on the refunding bond issue of \$825,000 authorized under the Hanson plan.

The restraining order has not yet been served upon the various city officials, and Mayor C. E. Gates issued a statement this afternoon that the council will meet at the council chambers tonight to consider bids to all the proposed bond issue. To all Medford citizens who are interested in the matter he has issued an invitation to be present at the meeting.