

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 55
Minimum today 40
Precipitation .02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain tonight and Wednesday

Daily—Fourteenth Year.
Forty-ninth Year.

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HOUSTON IS NAMED NEW SEC'Y TREAS.

Secretary of Agriculture Nominated by President to Succeed Carter Glass, Who Takes His Place in Senate—Edwin T. Meredith of Des Moines, Editor "Successful Farming" Is to Be Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—David F. Houston of St. Louis, now secretary of agriculture, was nominated today by President Wilson to be secretary of the treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Edwin T. Meredith of Iowa, editor of "Successful Farming" will be named secretary of agriculture to succeed Secretary Houston, who is to become secretary of the treasury in the place of Carter Glass.

Mr. Meredith, who is at Miami, Fla., telegraphed the White House today accepting the office. He is 54 years old and his home is in Des Moines.

Before starting "Successful Farming," he was publisher of the Farmers' Tribune. He was a candidate for the United States senate in 1914 and for governor of Iowa in 1916.

President Wilson was expected to send the nominations of both Mr. Houston and Mr. Meredith to the senate today. As soon as Secretary Houston qualifies Mr. Glass will take his seat in the senate to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 27.—Edwin T. Meredith, who is to be the new secretary of agriculture said today that he hoped to work out some solution of the problem of getting crops to market "without too much loss motion," in his opinion this is the basis in fact of all permanent prosperity.

Mr. Meredith was a member of the labor mission sent abroad during the war, of the excess profits board of the treasury department and of the public group at the industrial conference last October. He has been a director of the federal reserve bank at Chicago since its organization and is president of the associated advertising clubs of the world.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Dr. Hugh S. Canning of Hampton, Va., was nominated surgeon general of the public health service today by President Wilson. He succeeds Dr. Rupert Blue, whose term expires on January 15.

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMP. FRANCE LOSES HAND

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The pugilistic career of Luis DePentieu, featherweight champion of France, ended yesterday when surgeons amputated his left hand to save the fighter's life. He met Nancy Lee, the British champion, in this city on Christmas day and he knocked out his opponent in the seventeenth round of their bout, he injured his hand and blood poisoning developed.

WOMEN AROUSED OVER PRICE OF HUMMING-BIRDS AND PROFITEERING IN SKUNKS

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The Illinois Women's Fair Price commission, which distributed 25,000 blank "complaint" cards, received only 10 replies from women who believed they were victims of profiteers. Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen, head of the commission, announced today. Twenty cards bearing vague information and charges were returned to the United States district attorney's office. One card carried a long complaint about the price of humming birds and another protested against profiteering in skunks.

SSH, GIRLS! THE SMALL WAIST COMING BACK ACCORDING TO PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Whispers are heard in circles of fashion that small waists are to "come in" again next season. Strictest secrecy is being maintained in professional quarters in accordance with a decision by great dress-making establishments here not to make premature revelations but it is said gowns designed after the new mode have been seen and admired. Authorities in the dress-making trade, however, deny tight lacing is to return, one of them saying: "The wasp waist is as obsolete as the stage coach or the sedan chair."

HURRY WOMEN AWAY BEFORE RED ADVANCE

Orders Sent for All American Women to Get Out of Trans-Baikaria Which Is In Path of Bolshevik Hordes—March 15th Before All Americans Out.

VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 27.—American army authorities believe it will be March 15 before the last American soldiers and Red Cross workers are out of Siberia. Orders have been sent that all American women be hurried out of Trans-Baikaria, which is in the path of the advancing bolshevik army that has moved steadily eastward along the trans-Siberian railroad and now seems to be nearing Irkutsk. Rear guard Red Cross units are reported at Chita, a city just north of the Manchurian border where the Amar valley branch of the Trans-Siberian joins the main line, while the 27th United States infantry is at Verkhnie-Udinsk, west of Chita.

Soldiers of the armored train captured near Verkhnie-Udinsk on January 19 from Russian troops belonging to one of General Semenov's commands. Two Americans were killed in this fight which was caused by the independent action of a station master who is alleged to have been intoxicated at the time.

Reports state the bolsheviks have swung southward from Tajka and have reached the Mongolian frontier.

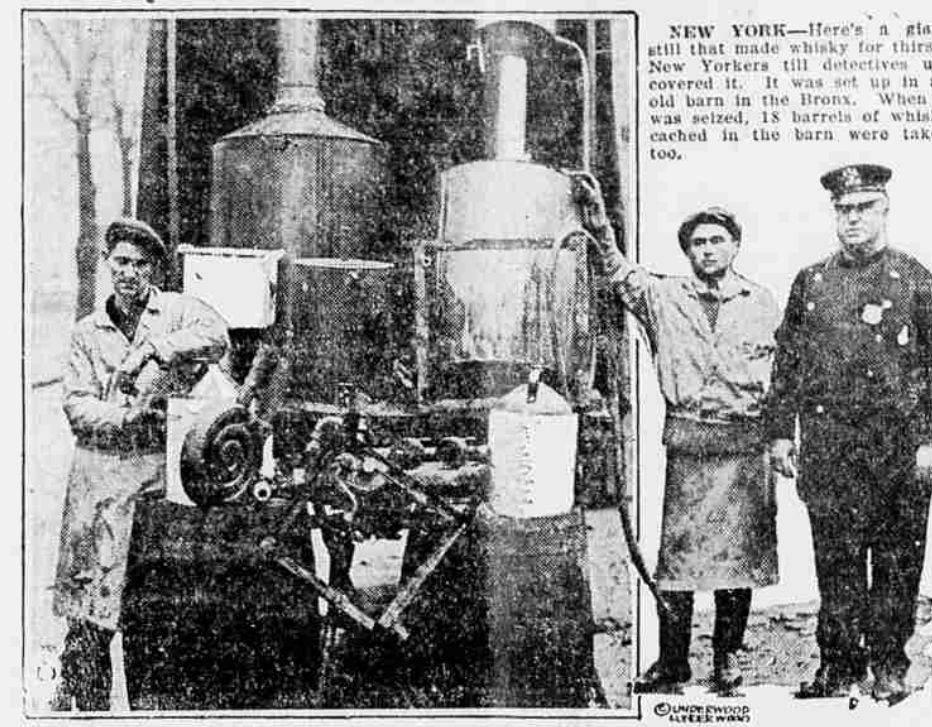
GENEVA, Jan. 27.—Nearly 75,000 of the 500,000 Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war taken by Russians have perished in Siberia from smallpox and typhus, according to Vladivostok dispatches to international Red Cross headquarters here. The rest were kept alive only by the efficient work of Japanese, American and English doctors. East of Lake Baikal Chinese physicians are also helping, but the work is difficult owing to the bolshevik invasion.

HOLLAND MAY BE GIVEN MANDATE TO ARMENIA

PARIS, Jan. 27.—(Havas) In case the United States refuses to accept a mandate for Armenia it may be given Holland, according to a dispatch from The Hague to the Matin quoting rumors in that city.

complaint campaign." Mrs. Bowen said, "first, public resentment over high prices may have been overestimated. Second, people who believe their dealer is gouging them would rather pay the excess than run the risk of being called as a witness in a court prosecution. Third, dealers have threatened that informants will be blacklisted and repaid for turning in complaints by having their service and credit cut down. "It is disappointing to know that the public seemingly so eager for action against profiteers and high prices, will not take the trouble to fill out and send in the cards which must be the basis for the prosecutions."

GIANT STILL SEIZED BY NEW YORK RAIDERS



NEW YORK—Here's a giant still that made whisky for thirty New Yorkers till detectives uncovered it. It was set up in an old barn in the Bronx. When it was seized, 18 barrels of whisky cached in the barn were taken too.

OREGON DEMOCRATS PLAN A COMPLETE TICKET THIS YEAR

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—Plans for getting out a complete democratic state ticket for the coming election and full party tickets in each county in the state were drawn up last night at a meeting of the Jackson club, at which Dr. J. W. Morrow, state democratic committeeman, was chairman. Dr. Morrow forecast a victory for the party, and told of his attendance at the national Jackson day dinner and of the meeting of the state committeemen at Washington at which San Francisco was chosen as the location for the 1920 convention. Dr. Morrow expressed the hope that at least a portion of the ten delegates to represent Oregon at the convention would be women.

SWEDISH EMPLOYERS DECLARE A LOCKOUT

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26.—The employers' association today adopted a resolution that a lockout would begin immediately where possible and that all shops represented in the association would close by January 31. This action followed a decision of the labor unions not to end the strike which has already affected 50 per cent of the plants in the country. Labor leaders, fearing the growing bolshevik influence in their ranks, opposed the refusal to end the strike but had small influence apparently. It is probable a split will take place in the ranks of union labor.

NO BOTTOM TO THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Sterling exchanged reached another low mark today's opening of the market, when it dropped to \$3.57 1/4, or 134 under the previous low record. France and lire also made new low records, the former opening at 12.67 to the dollar, and the latter at 14.75 to the dollar. The previous low record for francs, made yesterday, was 12.47 and for lire 14.69. Sterling exchange continued to weaken and before noon was quoted at \$3.56 1/4. The reaction also affected exchange rates on the northern European countries. German marks were offered at 1.97 cents each.

KAISER DOESN'T WANT TO RETURN TO BERLIN

MAYENCE, Jan. 27.—(Havas) German newspapers publish a letter from former Emperor William to a personal friend in which Count Hohenlohn expresses his absolute disavowment and says he does not want to return to Germany. He says he believes his return would cause a split between German factions.

U. S. SENATOR NEWBERRY AND 123 PROMINENT POLITICIANS ON TRIAL

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 27.—United States Senator Truman H. Newberry, and 123 men prominent in Michigan politics went on trial in federal district court here today charged with conspiracy, fraud and corruption in the 1918 senatorial election. Of the 136 men indicted by the federal grand jury last November, nine have entered pleas of not guilty, the case of one has been continued owing to illness, and another, upon whom service has not been obtained, was said to be in South America. Twenty-three pleaded "not guilty" and 101 stood mute when arraigned.

PERSHING'S BANQUET CHANGES TO OVATION FOR HERBERT HOOVER

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Fifteen hundred persons who gathered here Saturday night to welcome General Pershing suddenly turned the meeting into an ovation for Herbert Hoover, when the latter's name was casually mentioned during a welcoming address. For several minutes Hoover's name was cheered in a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm. Men sprang to their feet and waved their arms. The welcome was tendered to Pershing by the Commercial club. Frederick Whittin, toastmaster, was introducing Pershing when he mentioned Hoover. He declared that Pershing would occupy a niche in the annals of America "similar to those occupied by Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Roosevelt, Wilson, Hoover." He got no further.

"FLU" DEATH TOLL CHICAGO GROWS

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—New cases of influenza and pneumonia continued to develop today but the death toll climbed steadily higher. During the past 24 hours the two diseases claimed a total of 173 lives, 91 succumbing to influenza and 82 to pneumonia. During the same period new cases reported totaled 1,800 of influenza, and 399 of pneumonia. SCANDINAVI ATO CONSIDER THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. PARIS, Jan. 27.—(French Wireless Service) A conference of Scandinavian cabinet ministers will be held early in February at Christiania, according to advices from that city. The question of Norway, Sweden and Denmark joining the League of Nations is to be considered it is said.

NO ONE WANTS TO SERVE UPON CENTRALIA JURY

MONTESSANO, Wash., Jan. 27.—A special venire of 399 takersmen reported in superior court here this morning when the second day of the trial of eleven alleged members of the L. W. W. on charges of first degree murder in connection with the Armistice day parade shootings at Centralia, Wash., opened today. Following answer of a roll-call, the court allowed those having excuses for not serving to present them, else to 100 of the venire appearing for discharge. Those who had passed the age limit of 60 years were quickly excused. Women included in the panel who have a legal exemption because of their sex, were excused upon request. Most of those in the venire took advantage of this exemption and did not attend court. Those not excused were ordered to report again tomorrow.

Of the 69 venirement who applied to the court to be excused from jury duty, 56 had their request granted. Illness, pressing business and age exemption were the most frequent excuses advanced. One venirement insisted upon raising his left hand to be sworn and explained his inability to use the right hand by saying he had no such member.

ASTORIA TUG LOSES 2 CONCRETE BOATS

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 27.—The army tug Slocum, which left Astoria last Thursday with four concrete boats in tow, bound for San Francisco, wirelessly to the local station last night that she had lost two of the boats but had taken the crews off. The boats were said to be in a sinking condition. The Slocum is returning to port with the remaining two boats and then will endeavor to recover the two she lost, the message said. Captain FRISK Hirsch, Columbia port pilot who took the steamer Abernethy on yesterday for trial trip, said he sighted the Slocum off Cape Mearns with two concrete boats in tow and sighted two other concrete boats about ten miles southwest.

SUGAR STRIKE A FIGHT TO FINISH

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 27.—(By Associated Press) The strike of sugar plantation workers already has tied up five plantations on the island of Oahu. The two other plantations on the island have not been affected by the walkout of Filipino and Japanese workers which began January 26. According to semi-official figures the number of workers out are: Filipinos 2300; Japanese 5258 and several hundred of other races. It is reported in sugar circles that the planters association is prepared to put up a final fight. The Japanese Federation of Labor of Hawaii yesterday called a general strike of Japanese sugar plantation workers for February 1.

JUGO-SLAVS ACCEPT ALLIED ULTIMATUM REGARDING ADRIATIC

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 27.—A Belgrade dispatch says that the Jugo-Slav government has decided to accept the allied ultimatum with regard to settlement of the Adriatic controversy. The decision to accept the ultimatum was reached by a small majority and after a long discussion the dispatch adds. The Jugo-Slavs ready will be sent to Paris within 48 hours.

WOULD FURTHER CURB ACTIVITY OF MEAT TRUST

Senator Kendrick of Wyoming Opens Ball at LiveStock Association Meeting in Spokane—Supply and Demand Must Be Restored—Lively Debate on Meat Regulation.

SPOKANE, Jan. 27.—Discussion of legislation to curb the activities of the big meat packers, expected to develop one of the warmest contests of the present convention of the American National Livestock association, was launched by United States Senator John B. Kendrick of Wyoming, president of the association, in his address at the opening session here today. Senator Kendrick, author of a bill in congress intended to circumscribe the business activities of the packers, presented the affirmative side of the argument for restriction, declaring that he was speaking not alone with the interests of the livestock producers in view, but "because it is a question of the ultimate good of the entire nation and there is not a hungry child in the humblest home in America who is not vitally concerned in the solution of this problem."

What Organization Did "It was your market committee that brought about the investigation by the federal trade commission," said Senator Kendrick. "It was the fact secured by the commission that armed the attorney general for his negotiations with the packers. Call it sensational if you will; call it unfair; call it radical—the federal trade commission needs no defense from me—but it uncovered the facts, facts which the members of this organization had long suspected regarding the concentrated control of all the agencies on which our industry depends, facts that emboldened the attorney general to go before a Chicago grand jury, facts that induced the packers to accept without consent an injunction causing them to surrender some of the control they had gained over the food supply of the nation."

"Our business now is to see to it that no other few individuals shall ever again be permitted to acquire similar control or similar power," he continued. "Our duty now is to write this victory down in the statute books of the nation so that changing judges may not bring changing injunctions. If it be true, as the packers say, that they have violated no law in building up this vast commercial edifice, we cannot escape the obligation of giving them a law that will prevent them or any other set of individuals from ever attempting to follow their example."

Independents Increase Citing an unprecedented increase during the past four years in the number of independent packing (Continued on Page Six)

Steel Dividend Declared. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The United States Steel corporation at its quarterly meeting here today declared regular dividends of one and a quarter per cent on common and one and three-quarter per cent on common stock.

Sam Gompers Is 70. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was 70 years old today. He spent most of the day at his office.

POLITICAL FRIEND OF SEC'Y DANIELS SAYS SIMS SHOULD BE FIRED FROM U. S. NAVY. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Rear Admiral Sims, a leading figure in the naval decorations controversy and in the pending senate investigation of the navy's conduct of the war, was criticized today in the house by Representative Byrnes, democrat, South Carolina. Declaring that if the admiral was admonished by a high naval official not to let the British "pull the wool" over his eyes, as he testified recently before the senate decorations committee he violated a confidence in

CARRY FIGHT ON PACT TO FLOOR AGAIN

Senator Hitchcock Serves Notice On Senate Leaders Unless Compromise Negotiations Are Continued He Will Carry Fight to Senate Floor—11th Hour Balk by Johnson-Borah Clique Evidence of Bad Faith—Article Ten Agreed Upon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Notice was served on leaders of the senate today by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, administration spokesman that unless compromise negotiations on the treaty were continued he would carry the fight to the senate floor by moving to take the treaty up there. The notice was given in the reply of the informal democratic committee to the refusal of the republicans to compromise on article ten of the League of Nations covenant. Out of the discussion which followed came an agreement for the bipartisan committees to meet again on Thursday. Thus the door to compromise was not entirely closed.

Before he went to the conference Senator Hitchcock was in communication with the White House but it was not said how far the president might be in according with the proposed compromise reservations as made public by Senator Hitchcock. Senators of the irreconcilable group indicated today that they would support any move to bring the treaty up for debate, declaring discussion would strengthen their case before the country. The mild reservation republicans also have evidenced a desire to get the treaty into the senate again should the compromise negotiations fail.

Lodge Cohorts Scuttle "The democratic members of this conference have considered the announcement made by Senator Lodge that he and his associates are not willing to consider any compromise on the Lodge reservation concerning article ten nor on that relating to the Monroe doctrine," said Senator Hitchcock in the democratic reply to the republican ultimatum. "In reply we desire to say that we entered on this conference without any reservations or restrictions in the hope that we could compromise differences not only on article ten but on all other reservations. We assumed that the other side of this conference had the same purpose. The unexpected interruption of the conference and the decision to refuse any compromise on article ten is all the more surprising because it seemed from expressions on both sides of the table that we were close to a compromise on this very important reservation by means of the following brief prepared by several and assented to by most of the members on both sides of the table before the interruption: "The United States assumes no obligation to employ its military or naval forces or the economic boycott to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country under the provisions of article ten."

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making the instructions public, Representative Byrnes said he deserved the "condemnation of every American and a dishonorable discharge from the navy." Characterizing Admiral Sims as a "hyphenated politician," Mr. Byrnes charged that when serving as commander of American naval forces in European waters during the war he had libeled the army and had urged the work of the navy and had urged that the United States leave the control of the seas to Great Britain.