

Maximum yesterday 49
Minimum today 37

Fair tonight and Friday.

Daily—Fourteenth Year.
Forty-ninth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1920

NO. 263

DEATH RATE
OREGON FLU
HOLDS LOW

Out of Total of 1212 Cases Only 3
Deaths Reported for Entire Period
—Dallas Leads State Outside Port-
land with 65 Cases But No Deaths
—State Health Officer Declares
Worst Over—Pneumonia Reaches
Crest in Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Steady
spread of influenza over the country
was indicated by reports to the
health service today from state and
city health officers. No marked in-
crease in any particular locality,
however, was noted.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—A to-
tal of 1212 cases of influenza, with
eight deaths, for the entire period
during which the disease has been
prevalent in Oregon, was the report
made public by Dr. David N. Roberg,
state health officer.

Portland has 39 new cases, but no
further deaths. The Dallas heads
the list with 65 cases, but no deaths.
There was one death at Gervais, one
at Falls City and one at Pendleton
yesterday.

"Burns, where there are 29 cases,
reports the apex reached," said Dr.
Roberg, "and I believe the worst is
over all along the line. The cases
have not been so severe as during
the last epidemic and I feel greatly
encouraged over the outlook."

Cases reported outside of Portland
are as follows:
Vale, 22; Breekenfeldt, 4; Falls
City, 16; Grants Pass, 2; Albany, 2;
Echo, 28; The Dalles, 65; Eugene, 6;
Oswego, 4; Oregon City, 1; Burns,
29; Roseburg proper, 30, in town
adjacent to Roseburg, 43; Pendleton,
50; Medford, 27; Forest Grove prop-
er 6; adjacent, 2.

Conditions Bad Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Pneumonia
following in the wake of the influ-
enza epidemic today reached the high-
est level since the contagion appear-
ed more than two weeks ago. Health
authorities reported 407 new cases
of pneumonia and 77 deaths. Influenza
continued to subside. During
the last 24 hours 1,417 new cases
were reported and deaths in that pe-
riod numbered 87.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT IS
NOW SHIP SALESMAN

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 27.—Dis-
patches from Rio Janeiro concerning
the negotiations that have been in
progress for the sale to United States
interests of the 45 German ships tak-
en over by Brazil during the war in-
dicate that the Brazilian government
will postpone its decision until France
makes it known whether she will
exercise the option given by Brazil for
the purchase of the ships, already re-
leased to France, which comprise a
majority of the total.
The dispatches credit Kermit
Roosevelt with representing a subsidi-
ary of the American International
corporation as one of the negotia-
tors. One of the messages reports
that the North American interests
have offered \$270 per gross ton for
these ships.

White Sox Release Two Players.
CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The Chicago
White Sox today released two play-
ers, Pitcher Frank Shellenback be-
ing turned over to Oakland of the
Pacific Coast league, and Catcher
Eddie Etump of Des Moines of the
Western league.

4,000,000 FARMERS FAVOR RETURN OF
RAILROADS TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Represen-
tatives of five big farmers' or-
ganizations met here today to pre-
pare memorials to President Wilson
and congress asking for the imme-
diate return of the railroads to private
control and the prompt enact-
ment of legislation to meet present
conditions.
Protests against government control
favor continuing government control
for at least two years were made by
delegates.

72 YEAR OLD BANDON
SALT PUTS A LINE TO
WRECK, WINS \$10,000

BANDON, Ore., Jan. 29.—
Captain Alexander Scott of
Bandon, formerly of the United
States life saving service, ac-
companied by Caimey Wood-
ruff and Erwin Grange of
Sixes, have put a line aboard
the bow of the Chandler and
are holding it for salvage.
They reached the wreck in a
small boat through the surf.
They found a large quantity of
new sails, rope cable and ma-
chinery, estimated to be worth
about \$10,000, which they ex-
pect to take off later.
Captain Scott, who is 72
years old, is a veteran surf man.
He led a march on several or-
ganized parties awaiting a
smoother surf before attempting
to reach the wreck.

EXCHANGE RISES
FEW POINTS BUT
FRANCE GLOOMY

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Quotations
on demand bills on the English pound
sterling which fell yesterday to the
record low figure of \$3.49, opened to-
day at \$3.52.
Demand sterling rose another cent
to \$3.53 in later trading. France
checks were quoted at the rate of
13.02 to the dollar, up 36 centimes,
and lire checks were 18 centimes
higher at 15.32. Belgian cables ad-
vanced 44 centimes over yesterday's
closing prices to 13.50.
German marks were quoted at 1.47
cents and Austrian crowns remained
virtually unchanged at 1-1/2 cent each.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—
Never in the history of France, even
after the Franco-Prussian war and in
the days of the commune, has the
franc reached such a low mark of de-
preciation. Dollars were quoted to-
day at 13.405 and the pound sterling
at 47.295. Financial and commercial
circles are greatly depressed over the
situation.

"We are sliding down the scale on
which the German mark and the Aus-
trian crown occupy the lowest de-
grees, the Russian ruble being reck-
oned as zero," says the Echo de Paris.
Sterling exchange has advanced
four francs and dollars nearly two
francs since Saturday. The fall of
the franc coincides with the publica-
tion of figures showing the foreign
trade of France for the first eleven
months of 1919. In this period im-
ports were valued at 25,336,978,000
francs while exports aggregated 6,
223,448,000. Thus the commercial
balance showed a deficit of over
19,000,000,000 and for the complete
year the deficit will exceed 20,000,
000,000.

MEXICO DENIES OIL
GRANTS TO JAPANESE

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 29.—Reports
that Japanese interests were securing
large grants of petroleum lands on
the Pacific coast of Mexico were de-
nied yesterday by Plutarco Elias
Calles, secretary of industry, com-
merce and labor. Senor Calles de-
clared that a single Japanese had made
application to his department for pe-
troleum concessions but added that if
such application had been received it
would be given the same treatment as
that accorded applications from other
foreigners.

GERMANY UP
IN ARMS ON
GUILT ISSUE

Leading Officials Declares Nation
Will Revolt If Delivery of Guilty
War Chiefs Is Demanded by Allies
—Attempted Assassination of Erz-
berger Only Hint of What Will
Happen On Large Scale—Passive
Resistance by Strike Possible.
BERLIN, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—
Indication of the government's grow-
ing concern over the extradition of
Germans accused of war offenses was
given in the note sent to the allies to-
day asking revision of clauses of the
Versailles treaty.
The attempted assassination of Ma-
thias Erzberger, minister of finance,
last Monday, is viewed in official
circles today as a precursor of what
was likely to happen on a larger scale
if the government, yielding to the
allies, appeals to force in arresting
men on the list submitted by the en-
tente powers. Editorial and parti-
san recriminations, provoked by the
attack on the finance minister al-
ready have reached the white hot
stage.
The note to the allies which will
not be published in Germany, warns
the entente powers that Germany
cannot assume she is able to compel
either national or local agencies of
the law to lay hands on the men
wanted and transfer them to German
frontiers. The Associated Press is
informed that even responsible of-
ficials of the foreign office have an-
nounced point blank they would re-
fuse to execute any work connected
with extradition formalities and they
threaten to strike or indulge in "pas-
sive resistance."

CLUB WOMEN UP
FOR RED VIEWS

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 29.—Testi-
mony in the case of Miss Charlotte
Anita Whitney, clubwoman and lec-
turer, who is accused of a violation
of the state criminal syndicalism act,
began today following the selection
of a jury yesterday. The jury con-
sists of seven women and six men.
Mrs. W. E. Haines of Alameda be-
ing selected as an alternate juror.
In his opening statement Myron
Harris, assistant district attorney,
said that the defendant had identi-
fied herself with the radical branch
of the socialist party, had voted in
favor of a radical program and had
endorsed the overthrow of the Amer-
ican government.

CHICAGO THEATRE IS
FORCED TO OPEN UP A
WOMENS SMOKE ROOM

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A Chi-
cago theatre today announced it
had opened a smoking room for
women. The manager said the
"women drove him to it." He
said he found girls were smok-
ing in the wash room, the bou-
levard, and even in the lobby. The
women smoke more cigarettes
than the men, the manager said.

COMMITTEE ON
G.O.P. PLATFORM
IS ANNOUNCED

A. L. Mills, Portland Banker, and Ed-
gar Pifer, Editor of Organiza-
tion, Lead Oregon Delegation—Ex-Sena-
tor Jonathan Bourne Also on the
Committee—Policies Outlined.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—
Names of men and women who will
compose the committee on platform
and principles which the republican
national committee at a recent meet-
ing authorized Chairman Will S.
Hays to name were announced here
today by Mr. Hays, through regional
republican headquarters. In a state-
ment accompanying the announce-
ment, Mr. Hays said: There rests on
the republican party the tremendous
responsibility of ascertaining fully
the needs of the nation, and frankly
and honestly and definitely stating
the fundamentals of the party's plan
for the solution of the problems in a
comprehensive program of construc-
tive measures.

"Recognizing that the platform es-
tablished a contractual relation be-
tween the party and the people, it
shall be the supreme duty and pur-
pose of the party when entrusted with
power to secure its performance with
its promises."

Mr. Hays said a number of the com-
mittee members would devote their
entire time to its work until the re-
publican national convention. These
members, he disclosed, would consti-
tute an executive committee on plat-
form, of which Ogden L. Mills, Jr., of
New York, will be chairman, and
John Callan O'Loughlin of Illinois,
secretary.

Mr. Hays statement said in part:
"Pursuant to the resolution of the
republican national committee at its
December meeting, there is being in-
dicated a special committee on policies
and platform. This committee con-
sists of 12 members of the national
committee heretofore appointed and
about 100 men and women represent-
ing all groups in interest in the coun-
try. The purpose of this committee
is to invite the advice and cooperation
of the ablest men and women
from all groups, sections, industry,
business, professions and interest in
the nation; to gather pertinent facts
and data; to study intensively the
larger problems confronting us, and
to offer the result of their efforts as
suggestions to the platform commit-
tee at the republican national con-
vention next June for the considera-
tion of that body.

The potentiality for usefulness to
the country and the party of such a
committee is very great. The prob-
lems which are ahead are immeasur-
able in magnitude and complexity.
The maturity of the citizenry of the
country believe that the republican
party may best be trusted with the
solution. The country wants and is
entitled not only to this faith in the
honesty of intention and fundamen-
tal ability of the republican party,
but to a well defined statement of
purpose and party program. It is ob-
vious that the convention can do full-
er justice to a platform commensu-
rate with the needs if they have for
their consideration the reliable mat-
terial thus furnished by some of the
best brains in the party working for
five months in the evolution of the
suggestions.

The organization for the commit-
tee's activities will be enlarged and
additional members of the committee
designated as the scope of the work
broadens."

The Committee Named
The committee members and the
(Continued on Page Six)

I. W. W. ATT'Y
DISARMED
BY COURT

Geo. F. Vanderveer, Counsel for Cen-
tralia Wobblies Admits Packing a
Gun and Surrenders Same On De-
mand of Judge Wilson. Other At-
torneys and Spectators Questioned
as to Firearms—Influenza Makes
Inroads On Court Attaches.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 29.—
George F. Vanderveer, counsel for
the defense in the trial of 11 alleged
I. W. W.'s charged with murder in
connection with the Centuria Armis-
tice day shootings, was ordered by
Judge John M. Wilson today to de-
posit his revolver in the office of the
county clerk before entering court
hereafter. Judge Wilson made the
request of attorneys for both the
prosecution and defense, but Van-
derveer was the only lawyer in the
case who admitted carrying a weapon.
Balliffs questioned each venire-
man and spectator today as to pos-
session of a weapon before allowing
them to enter the court room.

Influenza in this county has be-
gun to assume epidemic conditions.
It was learned today, when it became
known that at least 10 members of
the American Legion were confined
to their temporary barracks as in-
fluenza suspects. Sheriff Jeff Bar-
tell has been unable to attend court
for two days and his illness is said
to be due to influenza. Several other
court attaches are said to be suf-
fering from influenza. It has not
become virulent, however.

Six jurors had been temporarily
passed and six were in the box for
examination when court opened to-
day. Of the six temporarily accept-
ed three were subject to re-examina-
tion, and three to peremptory chal-
lenge only.

Four veniremen were examined by
the prosecution and defense at the
morning session of court, three be-
ing excused for cause and one being
accepted temporarily. The accept-
ed talesman was C. C. Straver,
grain merchant of Aberdeen. He
was accepted over the challenge of
the defense. The three dismissed
were: Samuel Berdine, fiber, Ho-
quiam; Frank Watkins, confectioner,
Elma; and Adolph J. Pletsch, mill
foreman, Aberdeen. Berdine was ex-
cused following a challenge by the
defense, the other two because of
opinions which the court ruled dis-
qualified them.

Circulate I. W. W. Propaganda
O. C. Schneider, temporarily passed
yesterday, was being re-examined
when court adjourned at noon.
The prosecution has challenged
him for cause.

W. E. Hall was arrested here late
last night on a warrant sworn to by
J. C. Horne of Hoquiam, who charged
that Hall was spreading I. W. W.
propaganda among the veniremen of
Hoquiam. Horne in his complaint
alleged that Hall was an "I. W. W.
investigator." The complaint, issued
by Justice of the Peace William
Lamb, alleged criminal syndicalism.
Hall to the amount of \$250 was de-
posited for his release.

C. C. Straver, the juror tempo-
rarily passed today is a former base-
ball player, having played with the
Canadian Twilight league for several
years, and with the Northwestern
league.

KLAMATH COYOTES HAVE
THE RABIES AGAIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 29.—
Rabies, stamped out after a severe
outbreak three years ago is again ap-
pearing among coyotes in Klamath
county. Analysis by the state board
of health has shown the rabies germ
existent in the heads of two animals
killed within the last two months and
J. Frank Adams, a stock-raiser of the
Morrill district, reports the death of
four head of cattle since November,
all showing distinct symptoms of the
disease.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—W. A. Hughes,
Australian premier, speaking at Mel-
bourne yesterday, said the next war
would probably break out in the Pa-
cific according to a Central News dis-
patch from Sydney.

LIVESTOCK MEN FOR
RATIFICATION PEACE
TREATY IMMEDIATELY

SPOKANE, Jan. 29.—Imme-
diate ratification of the peace
treaty, with reservations dem-
anded necessary to safeguard Amer-
ican interests, was demanded in
a resolution adopted at the
forenoon session today of the
American National Livestock
association's convention here.

Prompt return of the rail-
roads to private control, with
restoration of the full powers
of the interstate commerce com-
mission, was demanded in an-
other resolution adopted, and
universal military training for
the youth of the nation was
advocated.

FEDERAL OFFICER
DEFENDS I. W. W.
AT TACOMA TRIAL

TACOMA, Jan. 29.—Edgar A.
Snyder, of Tacoma, former progres-
sive candidate for United States
senator in this state and at present
a mediator with the United States
department of labor, testified today
in the trial of 37 alleged I. W. W.
members charged with violation of
the state syndicalism law, that he
had found nothing destructive in I.
W. W. literature.

"I have never met an I. W. W. who
advocated violence," he declared. He
added that he has interviewed hun-
dreds of the members of the organi-
zation, without revealing his identi-
ty as a federal official.

On cross examination Mr. Snyder
said he is not an I. W. W., and never
had been one but that he was not sure
that the I. W. W. members did not
know he was with the government.

"I have investigated many rumors
of sabotage," he told the jury, "and
I have always discovered they were
false. In one case where the I. W.
W.'s was blamed for putting some
metal in a timber going through a
mill so the saws would be ruined, I
discovered that an Italian strike-
breaker was to blame. In another
case where a belt had been cut there
was no proof that an I. W. W. did
it."

Ralph Pierce, attorney for the 37
remaining prisoners, announced he
expects to complete his evidence by
tonight. The case may go to the jury
late Friday.

SPANISH COMET IS
SIGHTED WISCONSIN

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The new
comet named "Solo" for its Spanish
discoverer, was sighted from the
Williams Bay, Wis., observatory last
night, according to a telegram to Pro-
fessor Philip Fox, of Northwestern
university. The location of the comet
had been sought for a week by astro-
nomers. To the naked eye the comet
appears as an ordinary star, the tele-
gram said.

FIRST LOAD GERMAN POTASH
SINCE THE WAR ARRIVES

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—The
first shipment of potash to reach
this port directly from Germany in
three or four years, arrived here to-
day on the Norwegian steamship Tan-
gus from Hamburg. The cargo con-
sists of 3,000 tons.

HOOVER TELLS COMMITTEE \$50,000,000
FOREIGN FOOD RELIEF NOT ENOUGH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Reduc-
tion of \$25,000,000 in the \$150,000,
000 loan proposed for food relief in
Poland, Austria and Armenia was
made today by Secretary Glass ap-
pearing before the house ways and
means committee.
Mr. Glass said the reduction had
been decided on in conference with
Herbert Hoover, who was quoted as
saying, "We are hedged about with
nations which last after this coun-
try."

THIRD PARTY
IS LAUNCHED
SALEM, ORE.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—The
convention here today of labor union
delegates from all parts of the state
and representatives of the state
grange, from which is expected to
rise a third political party known as
"the land and labor party," opened
this morning at 11 o'clock with about
50 attending. Otto Hartwig, presi-
dent of the State Federation of Labor,
is acting chairman of the conven-
tion. C. E. Spence, head of the
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gon City.

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of inaugurating such a party in the
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Up to Farmers and Labor

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in North Dakota.

"The Non-Partisan league," he as-
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land and labor party which we shall
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"I doubt if its real policy, to even
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IN TACOMA DRUG CASE

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the illegal sale of narcotics, was un-
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