

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 35
Minimum today 22
Precipitation 25

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifteenth Year.

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ITALIAN ARMY STARTS ATTACK ON D'ANNUNZIO

Fiume Now Being Besieged by Italian Regulars—Civilians Given 48 Hours to Leave Blockaded Region—Poet Will Fight to Death.

UDINE, Italy, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—Fiume, the stronghold of Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, the insurgent Italian leader, is being besieged by regular Italian forces.

ROME, Dec. 22.—General Cavaglia, commander of the Italian regulars surrounding Fiume has ordered a rigorous blockade of Fiume and the islands of Veglia, Arbe and San Marcos. He gave 48 hours to those who wish to leave the blockaded region.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Italian government forces have established a close blockade of Fiume by land and sea, and it seemed possible today that fighting might be reported at any time. Not only has the city of Fiume been isolated, but the islands of Arbe, San Marcos and Veglia which recently were occupied by d'Annunzio's legionnaires, have been blockaded. Conditions of recognized gravity have arisen since Captain d'Annunzio announced he would resist enforcement of the treaty of Rapallo. In answer to an ultimatum sent him by General Cavaglia, commander of Italian troops in the section, he has declared he will fight until his demands are met.

FATHER IS RUINED BY CONFIDENCE IN SON

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—A tragic story of a father's misplaced confidence which enabled his son to wreck the family fortune during his absence abroad was based on the witness stand before Justice McLennan in superior court by C. H. Cahon, K. C., one of Canada's most distinguished lawyers.

The witness told how he had conferred power of attorney on his son, C. H. Cahon, Jr., while the father was on a European trip and upon returning found his son had absconded and the family fortune had been wiped out.

JAMES FORGAN RETIRES TO CONSERVE HEALTH

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—James B. Forgan, president of the federal advisory board of the reserve banking system since its organization has announced his resignation. He retired, it was announced, to conserve his health.

Mr. Forgan retains the chairmanship of the board of directors, the First National bank and the Chicago clearing house committee.

RICE GROWERS AGREE TO MAINTAIN PRICES

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 22.—The Pacific Rice Growers association has voted to uphold the price schedule set by the price control committee, headed by Alden Anderson. The schedule is based on the price of \$5.25 a hundred pounds for No. 1 cleaned rice. The growers state there will be a heavy salvage during the spring of unthreshed rice still in the fields.

MR. WILSON WILL RIDE WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING IN INAUGURAL PARADE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President-elect Harding plans to accompany President-elect Harding from the White House to the capitol March 4 and back again to the White House for luncheon as is the usual custom when a new chief executive is inaugurated.

The new and retiring president will lead the usual parade up the avenue to the White House, where Mr. Wilson will entertain Mr. Harding at luncheon. Immediately afterward, President Wilson will retire to his new home on S street to take up his life as a private citizen after eight years in the White House.

SUPREME COURT NOW GRANTS NEW HEARING CLACKAMAS CO. CASE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—The Oregon supreme court in an order handed down late yesterday revoked a previous ruling denying a rehearing of the case brought by W. P. Hawley of Oregon City against officials of Clackamas county, to test the validity of road construction bonds in the sum of \$1,700,000 authorized by the voters there at an election held last summer. Under the new order rehearing of the case was granted. It will probably be heard by the court early in January.

STORMS ON COAST AND INTERIOR CUT DOWN TELEGRAPH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Continuance of the present storm and cold weather until tomorrow evening is expected, by the United States weather bureau here, although decreasing rainfall may be expected in the period. The rain is extending from the Tehachapi mountains north and appeared today to be falling less regularly than yesterday in the state.

The head of the storm is still in the north Pacific, where it originated and is moving slowly inland. It appears to have a slight northward movement, however, so California may miss its full force. Winds of gale force are expected along the northwestern coast tomorrow.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—Storms east of Denver and the explosion of a freight engine south of here this morning cut this city off from wire communication for a time today with all parts of the country, except that west of here.

John L. Clayton, fireman, of Denver, was killed when a freight engine on the Santa Fe railroad exploded near Monument, Colo.

Harry K. Hartman, brakeman, and Harry Pearson, engineer, both of Denver, were seriously injured in the explosion. Ten poles were blown down, wrecking sixty telegraph and telephone wires.

PEACE REIGNS AT LAST IN SONORA

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Alfonso Pasqueira, Mexican consul stationed here returned last night from the Pacific coast and a short visit in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, where he met and conferred with Governor F. A. Borquez, of Sonora, who is slated to be comptroller of currency under Oregon's administration. Governor Borquez, Mr. Pasqueira declares, said Sonora, especially the lower and western sections is undergoing a new era of peace and for the past several months Yaqui and other tribes of Indians have laid down arms. A larger acreage is expected to be planted in the state next spring than ever before.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—A bill to make bank robbery, highway robbery and burglary offenses punishable by death will be introduced at the next session of the Missouri legislature, M. A. O'Donnell, representative-elect from Jackson county, announced today.

Mr. Tumulty said today that when he visited the president yesterday he found him in better spirits than at any time since he was taken ill more than a year ago. The president, Mr. Tumulty said, stated that he was not greatly interested in the writing of memoirs for an autobiography as it was a form of literature which had never greatly appealed to him. It has been generally understood that when Mr. Wilson retires from office he will take up the preparation of a history of the world war.

AGREEMENT ON WAR INDEMNITY NOW IN SIGHT

Second Financial Conference Adjourns With Good Will on Both Sides—German Claims Are Conceded—100 Billion Marks Remains Basis.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—The second financial conference adjourned today until January 10. The allied experts told the German delegates there was good prospect of reaching an agreement on the concessions asked by Germany and indicated with continued good will on both sides a solution of the reparations problem would be in sight during the January session.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) Payment by Germany of 100,000,000,000 marks in gold remains the basis upon which experts and delegates to the second financial conference, in session here, are working. This amount, although far below what was authorized by the treaty of Versailles, is considered by them collectable only on condition that Germany is helped along the lines suggested by the German delegates.

Allied experts in secret individual reports, the substance of which has come to light, recognize Germany's real necessities, and delegates generally are impressed by arguments that Germany is an insolvent creditor who must be maintained as a going concern. The extent to which strict fulfillment of the Versailles treaty may be waived, however, depends upon the allied governments, before which recommendations have been made by the various delegations.

Virtually none of the delegations expected the treaty can be carried out literally and experts agree with the Germans that the reparations must be paid chiefly in kind. Some cash, however, will be demanded after a year or two if not immediately.

Today's meeting was really in preparation for the recess which will be taken until January 10. Allied delegates planned to meet apart this afternoon for the purpose of exchanging views and reaching a common accord which will be reflected in reports to the government.

BANKERS CONFESS, GIVEN 8 YEARS

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 22.—William Bush and his cousin, Charles F. Eastman, both prominent in the business and social life of Wilmington pleaded guilty to embezzlement yesterday and each was sentenced to eight years in the county workhouse. They began their sentences immediately.

Bush, who was secretary and treasurer of the Wilmington Savings Funds society, admitted taking securities valued at \$200,000 belonging to the institution to cover margins in stock speculation, while Eastman pleaded guilty to embezzling \$36,000 worth of securities from the Hercules Powder company, of which he was assistant treasurer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charles E. Hughes in a statement here today characterized published reports that he had been tendered the appointment of secretary of state in the Harding cabinet as "irresponsible rumors."

"I do not care to discuss them," he added. MARIION, Ohio, Dec. 22.—President-elect Harding denied published statements that he had offered to Charles Evans Hughes the appointment of secretary of state in his cabinet. "I find this one of the most complete bits of holiday fiction writing that has yet been brought to my attention," he told correspondents at his home here.

NO PAPER CHRISTMAS Following a long established custom there will be no issue of the Mail Tribune on Christmas day, Saturday, December 25th. The Sunday Sun will be issued as usual. All advertisements and special copy for the Sun must be in this office Friday before one p. m.

BITTER FIGHT LOOMS ON NON-PARTY LINES OVER FARMER'S TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A bitter fight was forecast today as the house took up the emergency tariff bill under a rule limiting debate to three hours. Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, announced it was his intention to seek passage of the bill before adjournment tonight.

There were several preliminary skirmishes, which made it apparent that party lines would not figure in passage of the measure. The alignment promised to be the producing areas of the south and west against the east and other consuming communities.

Chairman Fordney, in opening the debate, said the committee had been criticized for not including more items in the emergency bill, but that it had realized that there was no possibility of putting the bill thru at this session of congress if attempts were made to include everything wanted.

"The committee made an honest effort to provide relief for farmers and included those products which are causing them the heaviest losses," he said.

ASST. U. S. ATTY. C. W. REAMES TO JOIN A. E. REAMES

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Charles W. Reames, assistant United States attorney since September, 1918, will resign his present duties January 1 to take up civil practice of law with his brother, Evan Reames, of Medford. He will be succeeded by Captain Thomas H. Maguire, according to the announcement of United States attorney Lester Humphreys.

C. W. Reames has been associated with the United States District Attorney's office in Portland, Oregon, since the year 1914. In 1918 he was appointed a special assistant to Bert E. Haney, then United States District Attorney, for the prosecution of all cases growing out of war measures, and for the handling of slackers, aliens, etc. At the conclusion of this work he became a deputy United States district attorney under Mr. Haney and when Mr. Haney resigned in 1919, Mr. Reames was appointed by his successor, Lester W. Humphreys, as a deputy United States district attorney under Humphreys.

Mr. Reames, who has been visiting his brother, Attorney A. E. Reames for a few days, leaves tonight for Portland, where he will line up his affairs to return early in January to make Medford his future home. On his return he will enter a partnership with his brother, A. E. Reames in the general practice of the law and under the name of Reames & Reames.

MULKEY'S CLIENT TELLS SOB STORY

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Husted A. Walters wept on the stand today at his trial for the killing of Patrolman Jerome Palmer. Walters declared his actions were due to influence of liquor. He insisted the killing of the officer who sought to arrest him, and a companion following alleged hold-ups, was not premeditated and when B. F. Mulkey, his attorney announced that the defense rested its case solely on the testimony of the defendant, Walters staggered from the witness stand while sobs shook his body.

EVERETT WILL PLAY NEW YEAR'S GAME

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 22.—A game between the football team of the Everett high school, regarded as western prep school champions which defeated Long Beach, Cal., last Friday, and the Cleveland East Tech team, claimants to the eastern championship has virtually been agreed to. It will be played here New Year's day. The game has been arranged by the management of the local team, still in California and this morning the Everett school board acquiesced in any action the team management might take.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—Heavy snowfall over a large part of Oregon last night was reported today. There was a light fall here, but the snow had disappeared this morning. Pendleton, in the eastern part of the state, reported eight inches on the ground, and Hood River in the northern part three inches. Snow at Crater Lake was reported seven and a half feet.

LLOYD GEORGE RETAINS FAITH WORLD LEAGUE

British Premier Sees Real Progress Toward Peace if All Nations Are Included—U. S. Essential—Gradual Disarmament Imperative.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—David Lloyd George, the prime minister, presiding at a luncheon given today in the house of commons for the British and dominion delegates to the recent League of Nations assembly in Geneva, declared the league would never achieve real progress until all the nations were represented. Mr. Lloyd George said he looked forward hopefully to the United States coming into the league. This, he asserted, was essential. There could be no real peace, declared the prime minister, until competition in armaments ceased, and before disarmament was possible all the nations must be in the league for all must march together.

Mr. Lloyd George said he was glad to know that all were doing something. He asserted that if the Geneva assembly had existed in August 1914 the war would have been impossible. He was sure there would be no obstacle to Germany's admission to the league if she manifested an intention to fulfill her obligations.

The league already had done much the prime minister asserted. For one thing it had raised the status of labor throughout the world. The labor bureau was doing great things he said.

The league's most conspicuous work probably was the establishment, the premier declared, of the international court of justice which would have a very determining effect on international justice in the future.

Disarmament Imperative No League of Nations, however, could possibly be regarded as complete until the United States was included, Mr. Lloyd George declared.

There was no use laboring for the association of nations and for the establishment of peace, the prime minister declared on the other hand erecting great armaments in order to force other nations into a competition which had more to do with starting the late war than almost any other force.

Mr. Lloyd George said the nations could not take the risk of disarmament until every nation was included. It could be done only by agreement. Disarmament he declared, was not a thing which could be done secretly and behind closed doors; it must be done in such a way that everyone knew, so that the agreement, once arrived at, would be respected.

Mr. Lloyd George said all nations must reach a common agreement not to start again disastrous rivalry in armaments, which must inevitably end in a clash. Certain amendments, he asserted, would be necessary before the league became a really effective exponent of international opinion.

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FIGHT OVER DOG IS FATAL TO PLAYMATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Fighting with a playmate for possession of a stray dog, Frank Verillo, 10, was stabbed, probably fatally, here last night.

James Romanello, 9, with a dirty little terrier at his heels, walked into a police station and surrendered himself. "I'm sorry. He wanted to take the dog away from me. I didn't mean to hurt him," he sobbed. The terrier scurried away.

BANK MESSENGER IS ROBBED OF \$6,500 IN XMAS SHOPPING CROWD

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—A messenger employed by the Security Trust and Savings bank here was attacked in the heart of the main business district shortly before noon today and robbed of a satchel containing \$6,500 according to his report to the bank.

The satchel with which the man fled contained \$75,000 in non-negotiable checks and \$6,500 in old, ragged currency that was being taken to a national bank for redemption. The robbery occurred while a Stock Exchange session was in progress a few feet away with a traffic policeman on the corner 300 feet away and with literally thousands of Christmas shoppers and every day workers swarming the streets. The robber wore no disguise, other than a pair of dark glasses.

COAL ASSOCIATION CLOSE TO TUMULTY STATES MANAGER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—George P. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association today before the senate coal investigating committee entered a denial that coal men had "planned" the series of government statements and actions which he said caused a coal shortage panic this year.

"Some of the coal men got the high prices," he said, "but I want to absolve them from bringing about the steps which five government organizations took that caused the panic."

"Just what was your association doing with Mr. Tumulty, secretary of the president?" asked Senator Kenyon, after reading a section of a speech made by D. B. Wentz, former president of the coal association, to operators referring to "constant visits" made to the White House by its officers.

"I went to Mr. Tumulty from time to time to advise him upon the situation and the interstate commerce commission order," the witness responded.

"We kept Mr. Tumulty currently informed."

"You were fighting the idea that a fuel administration might be necessary?" Senator Kenyon commented.

"Yes, we thought the fuel administration could not be installed in time."

GIRL WITNESSES CROSS EXAMINED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Today's sessions of the trial of Edward (Klockout) Krusovsky, alleged criminal gangster, under an indictment charging a felonious attack on Miss Jessie Montgomery, a Reno, Nev., girl, were marked by the cross examination of Miss Montgomery and the testimony of her companion, Miss Jean Stanley, formerly of Portland, Ore., who also was attacked.

Both Miss Montgomery and Miss Stanley testified that Boyd was present in the house early Thanksgiving morning when the attack took place. Krusovsky, they testified, resisted Boyd and a number of others in the attack.

WOMAN WHO THREATENS SUICIDE, MURDERS WHEN LOVER TAUNTS HER

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Ed Bailey, 21, gave herself up last night to the police and told them she had shot and killed Clarence Hogan of Oakland. "It was a sweetheart's tiff," she said. The police found Hogan's body near the corner of Lincoln and Piedmont streets here, where the woman said it lay. Mrs. Bailey, who has been living at the home of her father, J. B. Leonard, was out in an automobile with Hogan last night. According to her story, she told Hogan she was going to kill herself. He asked: "Well, why don't you do it?" She said she then drew a revolver and fired several shots at him, one of which penetrated his lungs. He died in a few minutes. John A. Harries who lives near the scene of the shooting, heard the shots and a woman's screams. Running to the automobile he and another neighbor saw Mrs. Bailey. "I've shot a man. Get help," she said, according to her statement. A doctor was called 5:15 Hogan was dead when he arrived. Mrs. Bailey said she had a husband in Winnipeg. Hogan lived in an apartment here. He was a salesman.

VENICE, CALIF. IS SWEEP BY FIRE, 1 KILLED

Famous Amusement Resort Near Los Angeles a Mass of Ruins—Loss Estimated at Million Dollars—To Be Rebuilt at Once.

VENICE, Cal., Dec. 22.—The seaside section of this city where the chief industry is the purveying of amusement, was swept by a fire late last night and this morning, in which one man lost his life, another was fatally injured, several suffered minor hurts and property damage estimated by the losers at more than \$1,000,000 was done. The chief loser was the Abbott Kinney company which owned the amusement pier and numerous improvements on or near it. President Thornton Kinney estimated his company's loss at \$75,000. Other enterprises suffered a loss of about \$250,000. The insurance on everything was about \$50,000.

Mr. Kinney stated the pier would be re-built at once, and most of the concessionaires sat or walked about the charred ruins of their properties this morning planning how best to clear away the debris and start anew on more modern and attractive plans.

Starts in Dance Hall The fire started in a large dance hall on the north side of the Kinney pier about 150 feet from the shore line. The usual holiday season crowd of young and old was on the floor when an overheated gas stove set the wooden building afire. The orchestra continued to play and while there was some confusion and much excitement everybody in the building got out without the affair reaching panic proportions.

The flames were first seen a few minutes before ten o'clock. In about an hour and a half the pier and the concessions and all adjacent structures along the shore line were gone or beyond saving, and the firemen and police were hurrying people from the hotels and other buildings across the plaza which lay between the burning section and that threatened.

Herbert Harlan, a fireman, was the man to lose his life. He was caught by the falling walls of the Ocean Inn. Charles Kirby, a life guard, was believed fatally hurt. He fell with the roof of the dance hall, and surgeons said his skull was fractured.

Parents Clara Smith Now Claim Ignorance EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 22.—Four hours before the scheduled arrival of the train bearing Sheriff Buck Garrett of Ardmore, Okla., and two attorneys, who were to arrest Clara Barton Smith on a charge of having murdered Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma millionaire, James L. Smith, the woman's father, denied all knowledge of her whereabouts.

WELL KNOWN CALIFORNIA PIONEER PASSES AWAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Henry R. Bowie, California pioneer, retired attorney and wealthy land owner in Hillsborough, south of San Francisco died last night at the San Mateo Red Cross hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Bowie had an extensive knowledge of the Japanese and Chinese languages and was appointed a special emissary to Japan in 1913 on a department of state mission. He was decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun.