

The Weather
Maximum yesterday 54
Minimum today 47
Precipitation 51

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Rain.
NO. 240

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifteenth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1920

EDMONTON IMPERILED BY FAILURE

Edmonton's City Treasurer in Portland Declares Proceeds of Bonds Must Be Paid Tomorrow or Municipal Credit Is Threatened—Audit Reveals More Securities Than First Scheduled.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—A county grand jury investigation of certain phases of the situation developed through the closing of the bond house of Morris Brothers, 166, whose former president, John J. Etheridge, is under arrest at Minneapolis. It is made, according to announcement today by District Attorney Walter H. Evans. He said the first report on the inquiry would be made Monday.

Miscellaneous municipal bonds to the amount of \$150,000, the existence of which was not previously known to him, have been discovered in the offices of Morris Brothers, Inc., W. D. Whitcomb, receiver, announced today.

Reduced to \$500,000

The discovery may reduce the liabilities of the bond concern to about \$500,000, Mr. Whitcomb said. Another discovery announced by Whitcomb was that some holders of interim receipts have received their bonds without turning in the certificates. This may reduce the liabilities another hundred thousand, he said, but the effect of this situation cannot be determined for some time.

Edmonton in Peril

According to Mr. Banhouse, it is imperative that his city have the proceeds of the remaining \$1,541,000 due on the bonds to the credit of the city of Edmonton in New York before the close of business tomorrow or the Canadian provincial city's credit will be in the balance, as other bonds maturing then must be redeemed. He said he might arrange by telegraph to have the city borrow from New York banks on his official note for a short time enough to tide it over this crisis, forwarding the city's unpaid and undelivered bonds as collateral until some other arrangement can be made for their sale.

A demand that Fred F. Morris turn over to the receiver all property of the concern that he may have in his possession will be made, according to attorneys for the receiver. At an adjourned meeting of unsecured interim receipt holders tonight they will consider concerted action to protect their interests, it was said today.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STATE

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 30.—The body of a man known here as Eckerman was found hanging here this morning by Lester Martin and John Sherman. No motive for the supposed suicide is known, according to the coroner. Eckerman had \$900 in the bank here and \$50 in his pockets.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 30.—An earth slide which struck two residences here today caused damage estimated at \$5000. More slides are feared. No one was hurt in the slide today.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS SPLIT OVER ADHERENCE TO BOLSHEVIKI SOVIET

TOURS, France, Dec. 30.—The right wing of the socialists today declared itself to be the socialist party of France. Its members have control of a considerable part of the party funds and also of the newspaper Humanite which is in the name of Deputy Marcel Sembler, and various other individual socialists but in reality belongs to the socialist party.

Last night's session of the socialist congress developed into a wild and stormy sitting. G. S. Zinoviev, bolshevik governor of Moscow had sent

N. Y. GILDED CABARETS TO SERVE EXPURGATED JULEPS N. YEAR'S EVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Habitués of the gilded cabarets along the "gay way west" will have at least one reminder this New Year's eve of the old time rollicking midnight celebrations before the demise of John Barrymore—the prices for viands will be as high as usual. In some establishments diners will be asked to pay \$15 for cover charges as a preliminary fee for the mere privilege of paying still more for a meal.

NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER AWARDED MILITIA COMMAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Colonel George C. Rickards of Oil City, Pa., was appointed today by President Wilson as chief of the militia bureau of the war department.

Colonel Rickards, who is a Pennsylvania National Guard officer and attached to the infantry reserve officers' corps, will assume his duties tomorrow, succeeding Major General Jesse Mel. Carter, who goes to a line of command.

Colonel Rickards will have the rank of major general and will be the first National Guard officer to hold this position. Appointment of a guard officer who is a member of the reserve corps to this post is provided for in the army reorganization bill passed at the last session of congress.

TRIAL OF DOUGHTY NOW UNDER WAY

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 30.—Trial of John Doughty on two counts, conspiracy to kidnap Andrew J. Small, theatrical manager and stealing \$100,000 in Victory bonds, property of Small, was ordered begun today in police court here. Doughty was Small's secretary at the time the latter disappeared December 2, 1919. Doughty also disappeared shortly afterward and when he was brought back here a month ago from Oregon City, Ore., he directed detectives to the home of his married sister where \$100,000 in Victory bonds was located. No trace of Small ever was found.

LUMBER MILLS OPEN AT DECREASED PAY

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—Wage cuts of from 15 to 25 per cent in the lumber mills of the northwest, will become effective January 1, or when mills now closed are re-opened, it was announced here today by the local branch of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen.

ELECT MANSFIELD TO STATE CHAMBER

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—Charles Hall of Marshfield was re-elected president of the state chamber of commerce late yesterday by the new board of directors, following the close of the annual meeting of the organization. Other officers are: Vice-presidents, J. T. Rorick of The Dalles; E. E. Brodie, Oregon City; and W. P. O'Brien, Astoria; treasurer, Leslie Butler, Hood River. G. A. Mansfield, Medford, was elected a member of the board of directors.

JOHNSON AND TILDEN SCORE NET TRIUMPH

America's Tennis Stars Overwhelm Australian Champs—Brookes Alone Forces Tilden—Johnson Has Patterson at His Mercy.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 30.—American tennis players today scored a double triumph over the greatest Australasian net stars and tonight held the position of favorites in the tournament for the Davis cup, the historic championship trophy of the tennis world. William T. Tilden, II, of Philadelphia, battered down Norman E. Brookes, captain of the Antipodean team, while William T. Johnston of San Francisco, virtually smothered Gerald L. Patterson, the brilliant young star who won the English championship from his teammate Brookes in 1919.

The Americans need only one match to win the cup. The scores of the matches follow: Tilden defeated Brookes 10-8, 6-4, 1-6 and 6-4; Johnston defeated Patterson 6-3, 6-1 and 6-1.

Brookes Forces Tilden

Tilden was plainly puzzled today by the splendid volleying of Brookes who maintained a terrific pace throughout the match. Tilden's brilliant return did much toward turning the tide altho the heat and Brookes' age favored the American. Brookes' game was only slightly below that shown when he was in the heyday of his old time mastery. Tilden's play justified his position as world's champion.

The match was played in two and a quarter hours, including intervals of seven minutes between the 3d and 4th sets. It was contested bitterly but in the most sportsmanlike manner. Brookes deliberately driving the ball out of the court on one occasion in order to make up for an assumed error on the part of a line umpire.

The first set was a gruelling struggle which Tilden won only after a remarkable recovery of form in the later games. The American showed wonderful reserve strength. The third set marked the culmination of Brookes' play. After losing the first game he opened up a series of irresistible drives which carried Tilden off his feet and won the set 6 to 1.

The fourth set was opened by Brookes in the same masterful way and he won the first three games, making nine consecutive games he had taken from the American champion. Here Tilden rallied however; Brookes was tiring fast and Tilden, continuing with unbeatable tennis, won the set and the match.

Tilden's first serves were terrific and an analysis of the match shows that Brookes can attribute his defeat to this feature of the American's game. Tilden's second ball was invariably returned by Brookes who shot the ball to the Philadelphia's backhand.

Johnson Irresistible
Johnson's severe drives to Patterson's backhand in the back court featured his first set with the young Australasian star. Patterson replied to his drives weakly and his volleying backhanders were driven back with lightning speed by the Californian. Johnston had won three games before Patterson was able to score a victory and finally won the set 6-3.

The second set showed plainly that Johnston had Patterson's measure, as he won the set almost at his own pleasure. Patterson won the first game but failed to break through in another contest during the set which ended 6 to 1 in Johnston's favor. Patterson's volleys which crossed the net were so weak that Johnston was able to run in and score with lightning drives.

Johnson showed complete mastery of the game at all times and his forehand drives to Patterson's backhand were almost always winning strokes.

U. S. SEAPLANE FLEET HOPS OFF FOR 3000 M. FLIGHT, PANAMA BAY

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 30.—Led by the F-5-L, squadron headed, fourteen seaplanes left the North Island navy air station here at 8:50 o'clock this morning on the first lap of the 3000 mile flight from San Diego to Panama Bay.

CONVICT IS NEAR DEATH RESULT OF ATTEMPTED BREAK

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 29.—With five of the ring leaders in last night's attempt to break from the state penitentiary in solitary confinement and a sixth man hovering between life and death in the prison ward, all is quiet at the institution "on the hill" today. James Smith, the guard who was injured in the first break, is in a local hospital with a broken nose and possible fracture of the skull. He was struck in the face with a weight from a juke spinner, a nasty weapon.

Williams, who is a parolee prisoner from San Quentin, where he served time for murder, has between a dozen and fifteen wounds in his body, two being from direct hits, while the others are from fragments of bullets splintered when they hit the walls. It is one of these splinters which caused the most serious wound, perforating the intestines.

FORD'S HIGHLAND PLANT CLOSED

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made today by the Ford Motor plant that its Highland Park plant, which closed December 24 for inventory will not re-open January 3, as planned, but will remain closed indefinitely.

No statement was obtainable at the executive offices of the company, where it was said announcement of the shutdown had not been officially authorized.

AIRPLANE TAXI WINS SUIT FOR \$500 FARE

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 28.—Charles S. Hoyt, Whitman, Neb., rancher, is liable to a local man for \$500, the fair fare for an airplane trip from Omaha to Whitman even though he got out of the machine after a forced landing at Abbott, about half the distance home and took a train the rest of the way. Municipal Judge Baldwin held today in passing on the first airplane-taxi suit of its kind in Nebraska.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—John West, 81 years of age, who was second engineer on the steamer Robert E. Lee when she won from the steamer Natchez in the famous race from New Orleans to St. Louis on the Mississippi river in 1879, died last night.

CORK, Dec. 30.—Armed civilians are reported to have ambushed a police patrol in Middleton, county Cork, last night, killing one policeman and wounding several others. At the 3290 time another ambush occurred on a Cork road in which one soldier was shot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Taxpayers required to make inventories for 1920 returns may adopt the basis of "cost or market, whichever is lower," under regulations issued today by the internal revenue bureau.

LONDON DENIES JAP ALLIANCE AGAINST U. S. A.

Northcliffe Papers Insist England Not Bound to Aid Japan in War With United States —Naval Disarmament Suggested by U. S. A. Approved.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Insistence on the desirability of restricting naval armaments and the holding of a conference on the subject by the United States, Great Britain and Japan were renewed today by London newspapers.

FEDERAL LAW TO PROTECT MOTHERS OF LAND URGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Enactment of laws in all states to co-operate with the federal government in protecting maternity, particularly among working women, was urged by speakers at the closing sessions of the fourteenth annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation here today.

BRITISH LABOR THROWS SUPPORT TO SINN FEIN

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A movement calculated by its organizers to place the full weight of British organized labor in support of the Irish self determination claims began with a specially convened conference of the parliamentary labor party in London today, after which members of the party's Irish commission told of what they had observed and learned in Ireland.

ARRANGE PLANS OF HARDING INAUGURAL

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Plans for the inauguration held right of way today on President-elect Harding's schedule of conferences.

E. E. McLean, Washington publisher who is chairman of the inaugural committee and Senator Phyllander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, chairman of the congressional committee on inauguration, who will have an active part in inaugural plans were those called into consultation here on details of the ceremony. Others on Mr. Harding's appointment list during the day included a committee of the National Grange who asked for the interview to present their views on the agricultural situation.

WORST IS OVER, TIME TO BUY; IS WORD OF PENNSYLVANIA LEADER

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The belief that business re-adjustment and deflation "is more than half completed," and that the "worst is over," was expressed by Albas B. Johnson, president of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Chambers of Commerce, in an address before the Boston Chamber of Commerce today.

D'ANNUNZIO RETURNS TO CUPIDS ROLE

ROME, Dec. 30.—The Evening News correspondent says today that d'Annunzio has accepted the terms of General Caviglia, commanding the regular Italian forces about Fiume. D'Annunzio's legionnaires will be dissolved and granted amnesty, the correspondent declares, adding that it is expected d'Annunzio will go to South America.

PRESIDENT VEToes CLAYTON ACT BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Wilson vetoed today the joint resolution designed to suspend a section of the Clayton act prohibiting common carriers from dealing with any concern having interlocking directorates with the carrier except to a limited extent as to contracts.

MEXICANS ARREST 5 U. S. SOLDIERS

NOGALLES, Ariz., Dec. 30.—A party of five American soldiers, under command of Lieutenant H. H. Luther, of the topographic department of the army, was taken into custody today by a party of Mexican fiscal guards when they motored across the international boundary line into Mexico at Sasabe, Sonora. The soldiers were said to be seeking water.

GENERAL MOTORS PAYS DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The General Motors corporation today omitted the stock dividend of one-fortieth share which it has paid quarterly since March 1920, no common stock. At its meeting here today the board of directors declared the company's regular quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents a share on common stock.

EXPECT DISCOVERY MARVELLOUS MEDICINES IN ANCIENT RUINS

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—Important medical and economical discoveries that will be of great value to the modern life of the peoples of the world are on the verge of being made in several districts of Central America by American archaeologists. This prophecy was made here last night by Professor William Gates, president of the Mayo society.