

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 36
Minimum today 31
Precipitation .03

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year
Weekly—Fiftieth Year

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WILL TAKE IT OUT OF MORRIS HIDE

John L. Etheridge, Ex-President of Bond House, Breaks Silence for First Time Since Return to Portland—Blames Morris for Plight of Firm—Did Not Run Away—Firm's Creditors Shall Not Lose.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—Legal skirmishing over the right of Fred S. Morris to withhold a statement of his property and that of his sister, Henrietta Morris, marked the hearing today before Master in Chancery Robert Maguire, in the bankruptcy case of Morris Brothers, Inc.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—John L. Etheridge, ex-president of Morris Brothers, Inc., held on charges in connection with the crash of the bond house, broke his silence last night in his first detailed interview since his return to this city, made definite declaration that he holds Fred S. Morris, his successor, responsible for the plight of the firm and the creditors.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Temperatures dropped as low as 21 degrees above zero in the southern California citrus belt early today, according to the weather bureau here but no damage to the orange and lemon crops was reported.

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French Government Falls on Question Of Interpellations

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The government's proposition was defeated, 463 to 125. Leygues' cabinet was formed September 24 last when M. Millerand resigned his premiership to become president of France.

SHADOW HOLD UP MAKES MONKEYS PORTLAND COPS

J. Wesley Ladd and Police Deposit Package in Answer to a Threatening Letter—Steuths Close in, Shadows Make Getaway.

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Detectives who accompanied Ladd to the rendezvous complied with signals which had been prescribed in the threatening letter. The conditions were that the package containing \$25,000 should be deposited at the designated spot. When Ladd and the detectives arrived there they received the signal, a swinging of a flashlight and burning of a piece of paper. The package was dropped where the paper was burning. The machine in which Ladd and the detectives were riding went on 30 yards. Then the police and deputy sheriffs who had been posted in the vicinity closed in, but the man who took the package vanished. The package contained only scraps of paper.

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DANIELS LAYS NAVY FIGURES BEFORE HOUSE

America in 1927 Will Exceed British in Ships by Present Plans—Japan Keeps Stride With Increase—U. S. Lacks Air Craft—Move to Disarm.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Daniels today laid before the house naval affairs committee what he described as approximately complete data on the relative seapower of the three principal naval powers, requested by the committee in connection with the consideration of its proposed resolution for international disarmament.

Tables submitted by the secretary show that while the present effective fighting strength of the British navy includes 538 ships, of 1,588,442 tons, as compared with 330 ships of 779,193 tons, for the American navy, completion of the authorized building program of this country in 1925 will give it a tonnage superiority in the ratio of 1.35 to 1, with approximately an equal number of ships.

While the present strength of the American navy was shown to be more than double that of Japan, should the latter country complete its projected program for 1927 in addition to construction already authorized, and this country terminate construction with its present program, its naval superiority over Japan in that year, it was shown, would be reduced to a ratio of 1.4 to 1.

In major ships and gun power the American navy at the completion of its present program will have an actual superiority over the British fleet, Secretary Daniels said, but it will be "considerably weaker," he added, in light cruisers and other ships needed to protect the main fleet and to carry out blockading and other strategical operations.

"We will be slightly inferior in submarines and will have no modern aircraft carriers suitable for operating with the fleet," the secretary said.

The data submitted showed that with the completion of all present authorized building the effective battleship strength of the British navy will be twenty-six ships, aggregating 635,650 tons; American navy 27 ships, aggregating 857,850 tons; Japanese navy nine ships, 290,370 tons. The battle cruiser figures will be: Great Britain six, aggregating 175,490 tons; United States six, 261,000 tons; Japan eight, 270,000 tons.

If Japan's projected program for 1927 is authorized, however, it will raise her battleship strength in that year, according to the figures, to thirteen ships, aggregating 439,720 tons and increase her prospective superiority over the American navy in battle cruisers, giving her twelve ships of that class aggregating 430,000 tons. This program already has been approved by the Japanese government. Secretary Daniels told the committee but there has been no appropriation for it.

Secretary Daniels declared one of the most serious shortcomings of the American navy at the present time was its total lack of speedy aircraft carriers.

WALLACE ENDORSED BY CATTLE MEN

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Charges were made during the discussion that the real fight against Wallace's appointment was inspired by the big meat packers.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—Senator W. W. Banks of Multnomah county introduced in the senate of the Oregon legislature yesterday a bill providing that free textbooks be furnished to all pupils of the grammar grades in the public schools of the state.

Thomas' Denunciation Oregon Voter Causes An Uproar in Senate

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—A severe denunciation of the Oregon Voter, a Portland publication on the floor of the senate today by Senator C. M. Thomas of Medford because of an article attacking Senator W. B. Jones of Eugene, came to a spectacular climax in the midst of a roll call on a vote of confidence in Jones, when Senator G. W. Joseph of Multnomah, hurled a binder containing a copy of the Voter at its editor, C. C. Chapman just as he was passing the Multnomah county solon's desk. The binder missed the editor's head, but grazed his ear.

At the commencement of the attack of Thomas, Chapman rushed to the senate to hear it and during it was seated in the press gallery. Upon the conclusion of the Jackson county man's statement, the roll was called for a vote of confidence in Jones, and while it was in progress, Chapman arose to leave the senate, passing by Joseph's seat.

WAR DEPENDS ON ALLIES, DECLARES KING OF GREECE

ATHENS, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—King Constantine declared today he did not believe the British wished a revision of the Sevres treaty with Turkey, but admitted he had received no direct intimations to this effect. He said he did not expect an attack upon Greece from around Smyrna by the Turkish nationalists and Russian bolsheviks.

"Finance is the most difficult problem before Greece," he continued. "There is no reason to suppose the allies will attempt to squeeze Greece under the unfair arrangement made when Greece was very poor and the matter may be arranged to the mutual advantage of the nations. There seems to be little hope that Americans will aid financially."

"The acts of the Greek army depends upon the allies," he said. "I may go to Smyrna soon to inspect the troops, but not to lead operations. If the bolsheviks make a spring campaign it will be against Poland or Rumania. They cannot fight everywhere."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—French destroyers have sunk a transport flying the red flag and carrying soviet troops presumably to Trebizond. It is said in dispatches received here. The French warships attacked the transport despite the fact that it was escorted by a soviet flotilla.

ATHENS, Jan. 11.—Export of food and meats from Smyrna to Constantinople was insisted upon in a note handed Premier Rallis today by Robert DeBilly, French minister to Greece.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The fatal shooting at Vladivostok yesterday of Lieutenant H. W. Langdon of Boston, an officer of the American cruiser Albany, by a Japanese sentry was reported today to the state department by American Consul MacGowan, who added that the Japanese consul there had called and expressed his "profound regret."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Reduction of the American forces of occupation in Germany from 15,000 to 8,000 has been ordered by the war department.

RUSSIAN JAILS DIM SCHWARTZ' SOVIET ARDOR

Frisco Socialist Told John Reed no Revolt in America and Gets Cell—Misery Ends Love of New Utopia—Wife Dies From Hardships.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—Frank expressions of disappointment over conditions in Russia, together with assertions that American workmen would never pursue soviet methods, are declared by M. Schwartz, socialist of San Francisco to have been responsible for his four months imprisonment in bolshevik jails in Moscow. Schwartz and his wife were arrested August 6 and released December 3, and Mrs. Schwartz died in Revel December 20 from the effects of the hardships she endured.

Schwartz went to Moscow last June and attended the second congress of the third international. He said efforts were made to disguise the real situation in Russia but that he had detected the conditions which prevailed.

"I was brokenhearted by what I saw," he continued, "and realized what a terrible misconception my wife and I had of the soviet government before we arrived in Russia. We were cold and could not conceal our disappointment. Four German socialist leaders who were delegates to the soviet congress, knew we had visited many sections of the country, and that I spoke Russian. They asked my opinion of the situation. I spoke frankly, telling them it was unnecessary for me to discuss miseries which were apparent to even a casual observer."

"My frank statements probably led to our troubles. Later Boris Reinstein, of Buffalo, N. Y., a prominent socialist leader, asked me when a revolution would take place in America and how the communist party was progressing there. I told him frankly I did not think American workmen would ever adopt Russian methods and that there was no communist party in America. He repeated my remarks to John Reed, the author who died last fall, who came to me and asked me to repeat my statements."

Thrown into Jail
"On the night of August 6 at 11 o'clock an armed guard came to my hotel and arrested my wife and me, throwing us into separate jails. For two months we received no suggestion relative to the charges lodged against us. My wife could not speak Russian and suffered from her solitary confinement. At the end of two months I was called before M. Feldman, chairman of the committee in charge, who asked me if I would report to American workers that it was a mistake that I had been imprisoned, hinting that I would be released if I should give this promise. I told him I might forgive the wrong I had suffered but was sure my wife never would and I asked to see her."

"After a long delay she entered. She was emaciated and miserable and did not recognize me as I formerly wore no beard and now I appeared before her with my face covered with long gray whiskers. I asked her not to cry and worry and she indignantly protested, declaring she had no tears left, and could not possibly cry because of the great injustice which had been done us by the very persons for whom we had worked for many years."

"M. Feldman said we would be released immediately but there was another long weary wait before orders came for us to prepare immediately to go to the station."

ELECT MANSFIELD STATE PRESIDENT

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—Organization of a co-operative marketing association for handling Oregon's wheat crop was discussed at sessions here today of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation. Problems of hay, wool and mohair growers also were to be considered. George C. Jewett, general manager of the Washington and Idaho Wheat Growers association explained plans by which his association has handled practically two million bushels of wheat a year. Oregon wheat growers representing production of 500,000 annually are attending the sessions here. Officers were elected by the Oregon Farm Bureau federation as follows: George A. Mansfield, Medford, president; V. H. Smith, Wasco, vice president; P. O. Powell, Monmouth, secretary and treasurer.

Yakima's Army of 200 Unemployed March to City Hall for Work

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 12.—Yakima's army of 200 unemployed men this forenoon marched through the business section of the city and then halted in front of the city offices while a committee of five conferred with Mayor R. D. Rovig about the situation. Charles Haney urged that the men be allotted work on city jobs in proportion to the number of dependents, a man with three children and a wife getting five days work for each day's work given to a single man. He announced that the unemployed were taking a census to determine how many men are out of work and also trying to locate work. The city commissioners decided to begin several small sewer construction jobs on force account, work to start Monday.

SHOW UP THE NEXT GERMANY URGES BLISS

U. S. Representative at Paris War Council Favors World Agreement to Disarm—Nation Refusing Would Be Revealed as Another Germany.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Should the United States call upon the nations of the world for a "full, free and fair discussion of reduction of armaments, the favorable response would be prompt and inevitable," the house naval committee was told today by General Bliss, former American representative on the supreme war council at Paris.

"The nation that would come to such a conference and refuse to agree to any proposition looking to disarmament or at least a reduction of its military establishment," said General Bliss, "could be written down as the next Germany and the United States could make its plans accordingly."

General Bliss preceded Secretary Daniels, who appeared again to give the committee detailed information regarding the relative naval strength of the great powers.

"Our present form of civilization cannot stand the great strain of military preparation much longer," General Bliss declared. "The world war was a terrific strain on civilization. The next war will be very much worse."

"General Bliss said he had discussed disarmament 'in a general way and incident to other matters' with Marshal Foch and high British military leaders.

"I believe I did with Italian representatives. Of course, the subject only came up at that time incidentally.

"If it were left to me I would not disarm an American soldier, nor lay up an American ship until all the great powers had reached an agreement," declared the general. "If such a conference were to be held and if the secretary were to make public every day an abstract of the propositions put forward and the arguments for and against, with the names of the national representatives who made them, the common people of the world would not allow the conference to dissolve until at least the first step forward had been taken."

"I do not care what the cabinets of the world think, the masses of the people, who pay the taxes, have the vital interest in this subject."

FIST FIGHT RAISES IRE OF CANADA

Aero Club of Toronto Cancels Official Banquet to Naval Balloonist After Lieut. Hinton Down—Altercation Caused by Publication of Letter to Hinton's Wife.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 12.—The Aero Club of Canada here today announced it had called off the official banquet to the three American naval balloonists in view of the incident at Matric yesterday when Lieutenant Farrell knocked Lieutenant Hinton down.

MATTICE, Ont., Jan. 12.—United States Naval Lieutenants Stephen Farrell, Al Kloor and Walter Hinton, refreshed by their first night's sleep in complete comfort since setting out from the frozen Hudson Bay regions where they landed December 14 after a hazardous balloon flight from Rockaway, N. Y., today enjoyed this trading post's hospitality, preparatory to their departure late this afternoon for Toronto. They were guests of officials of the Canadian National railway who provided a private car in which they spent the night and in which they will travel to Toronto.

Trouble Forgotten
To all outward appearances the bitter dispute that arose between Lieutenants Farrell and Hinton shortly after their arrival here yesterday, which culminated in a blow from Farrell that sent his fellow airman sprawling over a table in the home of H. P. Williamson, had been settled today. The aeronauts rose early, had breakfast together in their private car and all regretted the incident that marred their historical adventure. Both Farrell and Hinton were reticent today regarding the occurrence.

The altercation arose over a letter purported to have been written by Hinton to his wife from Moose Factory, where they first found succor after wandering through the wilderness four days subsisting on two carrier pigeons and caribou moss. In the letter published by a New York newspaper, Hinton is alleged to have written that Farrell, exhausted from the rigorous wandering, pleaded with his two companions to kill him and eat his body to enable them to get back to civilization.

Double-Cross Charged
Farrell charged his companion with "double-crossing" him, saying all had agreed that their letters should not be published. Hinton's refusal to retract was the immediate cause for Farrell's blow. Newspaper correspondents separated them.

Relaxed from their first night's real sleep after nearly a month of hardship, however, the fellow adventurers today apparently tried to forget their differences and began to think of the reception planned by the Toronto Rotary club upon their arrival there and of their ultimate arrival in Rockaway Friday.

Lieutenant Farrell outlined their hardships to the correspondents, telling how they zig-zagged through the wilderness. On the second day after the barking of a dog caused them to descend, he said: "We were beginning to think that dog bark proposition was rather pretty."

They were so hungry on the third night they could not sleep, he said, "except Kloor, who slept so soundly and so close to the fire he burned his fly boots." They were beginning to become desperate, he said, by the time they sighted sled tracks the fourth day. They followed the tracks about five miles, along the Moose river be-

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MEDFORD ORCHARDISTS ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OREGON GROWERS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—The Oregon Growers Co-operative association yesterday elected directors following preference shown in the December primary. Among those chosen were: Jackson county—Howard A. Hill of Medford; C. C. Cate of Medford; Gordon Voorhies of Medford and A. H. Davenport of Talent. Josephine county—Clyde E. Niles of Grants Pass. Two proposed amendments to the bylaws were adopted. The first pro-