

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 46
Minimum today 37
Precipitation .03

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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SHOULD GIVE MORRIS COIN TO CREDITORS

John L. Etheridge on Stand Swears Morris Brothers Have Juggled Funds for Years—Have \$200,000 in Safe Deposit Vaults Which Belong to Creditors—Interim Decision Expected.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—On the witness stand in proceedings before Robert F. Maguire, master in chancery, late yesterday, John L. Etheridge, ex-president of the wrecked bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., told in his own way the history of his connection with the corporation, swore that Fred S. Morris of Portland and James H. Morris of Philadelphia had for years juggled their business affairs so as to cover up their assets whenever they so desired. He concluded by declaring that the creditors of the defunct institution here are entitled to every cent of property held by Fred S. Morris and his sister, Henrietta Morris, and gave an additional list of about \$200,000 worth of assets, which he said he believed still to be intact in their safe deposit box here.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner, was today summoned to appear before the Multnomah county grand jury that is investigating Morris Brothers, Inc. He said he expected to testify relative to absence of a permit to the company to sell its corporation stock in Oregon. Discovery has been made, it is alleged that in 1918 and 1919 the company sold its stock in this state. According to Mr. Handley the records of the department show that no permit was issued to the company to sell its stock.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—The way for a decision as to whether holders of interim certificates issued by the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., shall be entitled to receive the bonds was paved today when Federal Judge C. E. Wolverson authorized Robert Treat Platt, attorney for the United States National bank, to file a bill in interpleader in the state courts in which is pending suit by certain interim holders for possession of the bonds.

WILDE IS FAVORITE IN TONIGHT'S BOUT, LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Odds of 6 to 4 were today offered that Jimmy Wilde, flyweight pugilist champion of Europe, would defeat "Pete" Herman of New Orleans in their bout in Albert Hall tonight. Herman's recent defeat in New York City by Joe Lynch was not recognized here as forfeiting Herman's title to the world's bantamweight championship and tonight's battle was considered in sporting circles today as carrying with it the championship laurels.

ALL PORTLAND WROUGHT UP OVER SHADOW THE ELUSIVE AND CLEVER BLACKMAILER

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—Sending of another threatening letter by the mysterious person signing "Shadow," who has made demands of large sums of money from prominent persons of Portland, became known today when Mrs. Phil Gevurtz, a society woman, admitted having received a letter demanding \$25,000.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—Police early today were working on what clues they have as to the identity of a would-be blackmailer signing "Shadow," who sent threatening letters to prominent men here. It developed today that Henry Jennings, Jr., one of the men who had received two threatening letters, which he failed to respond to found on his desk yesterday a note printed in ink on the stationery of his furniture company, reading, "I have been here, Shadow."

Report From London Nikolai Lenine Is Dead; Unconfirmed

LONDON, Jan. 13.—A communication from Moscow announcing the death of M. Karpoff, member of the supreme economic council of soviet Russia, is quoted in a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph received here today.

The supreme council in Moscow contains no person named Karpoff, which is an old pseudonym of Nikolai Lenine, soviet premier. Some of his publications bear that name.

The Jewish news bureau, a New York City news agency, January 9 received a dispatch from its Moscow correspondent telling of the dangerous illness of Lenine.

FIGHT AGAINST MEAT TRUST IS NOW EXPECTED

National Livestock Association Committee Favors Cooperation in Sales at Central Markets—Would Put Stockyards Under U. S.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Jan. 13.—A suggestion that the American National Livestock association endorse the principal of co-operative livestock commission companies at central markets and co-operate in the establishment of these agencies on a sound and conservative basis was contained in the report of the market committee of the association, presented to the annual convention here today.

"Besides reducing the cost of marketing, the advantage to producers of having at the markets their own representatives is obvious," said the report.

The committee report also contained a statement "that your committee believes that the stockyards should be regarded as terminals of the railroads and they should be owned and operated by them under supervision of the interstate commerce commission."

Reduce H. C. L. "In spite of the strenuous opposition which the concentrated power of wealth has brought to bear, we have consistently carried on. As a result this association today stands before the world as the champion for federal legislation which would result in the consumers of this country being able to purchase meat and food products at the lowest possible cost consistent with a fair return to the producer, the manufacturer and the distributor when they are performing a necessary service by methods economically sound."

"Many otherwise intelligent people seem to think the principal object of the market committee is to fight the packers. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The packers are the ones who are fighting reasonable regulation which would insure a square deal for all."

The report outlined the Gronna bill, now pending in the United States senate.

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JAPS FEAR RESULT OF SENTRY'S ACT

Protest Against Killing of Lieut. W. H. Langdon May Be Filed by United States—Jap Government and People Greatly Concerned Over Incident—Admitted Officer Did Not Fire Until Wounded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Secretary Daniels conferred today with state department officials in an effort to expedite complete official reports of the killing of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon of the American cruiser Albany by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok.

After the conference Mr. Davis said the state department was seeking the fullest reports from its agents at Vladivostok. The American consul there already has been asked for a more complete account but no reply has been received.

Whether a protest will be lodged with the Japanese foreign office will depend upon the facts as developed by the investigations in progress, it was said at the state department. On the basis of such official and unofficial information as has been received, some officials are inclined to regard the shooting as the act of an excitable sentry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Lieut. W. H. Langdon of the American cruiser Albany, was shot by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok, when he failed to understand or heed a command to halt, said an official version of the incident received today by the Japanese embassy from its government.

Another message to the embassy said the Japanese government and people were greatly concerned over the incident.

The message as received and made public by the Japanese embassy said: "The Japanese sentry stationed in front of the Japanese staff headquarters at half-past four o'clock in the morning saw a man approaching who was using a flashlight, casting its rays upon the front of the staff building. He stopped the man and demanded to know if he was Russian or American. Not understanding the reply made by Langdon, the sentry sought to pull back the hood which was drawn over his face, to inspect him."

"The officer resisted and drew a revolver, whereupon the sentry stepped back a couple of paces and presented his bayonet. The officer turned to proceed on his way. The sentry called to him in Japanese to stop and when the order was disregarded, he fired. Langdon turned upon the sentry and fired twice at him with his revolver and then collapsed."

"The sentry has been arrested, another message to the embassy said, and ordered before a court martial, which is charged to develop all of the facts, upon which the government may proceed further in the case."

DOG SERENADES END AN OLD FRIENDSHIP

NUTLEY, N. J., Jan. 13.—Life-long friendship begun when they were negro slaves in Georgia, terminated in police court here today when Richard William Harris, 86, was held to the grand jury charged with having assaulted William Henry Harrison, 78, Christmas eve. The quarrel started when Harrison started to throw Harris' old dog downstairs because of its "midnight serenades."

LEVINSKY IS HURT, FIGHT POSTPONED

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The twenty-round boxing match between "Batling" Levinsky, the American, former light-heavyweight champion, and Bombardier Wells in Albert Hall here tonight has been postponed, owing to Levinsky's having injured his right arm yesterday while training. Doctors certified today that Levinsky would be unable to fight for at least two weeks and it is expected he will meet Wells about three weeks hence.

Athens Claim of U. S. Loan, \$38,000,000 Is Denied, Washington

ATHENS, Jan. 13.—It was announced here today that the United States government had consented to advance the Greek government \$38,000,000 already promised Greece when M. Venizelos was prime minister, but upon the condition that the money be expended in America for non-war material.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—State and treasury officials were unable to explain today the announcement in Athens that the advance of a \$38,000,000 war time credit granted to the former Greek government had been made available to the Constantinian government. There had been no change as to the status of the fund, it was said at both departments. Pending formal recognition of the new Greek government it was said, the balance of the \$38,000,000 would remain in the treasury.

SMASH UP IN AUSTRIA NEAR, TENSION GROWS

Emperor Charles Is Reported Already on Way to Hungary—Nation-Wide Strike Continues—Mail Stops, Telegraph Suspended.

DEATH TO PROFITEERS

VIENNA, Jan. 14.—The death penalty or the whipping post for profiteers was demanded at a price conference here today which developed much agitation. The chief of the technical trades union declared:

"We have guns at hand. We warn you that from January 20 we will be beyond the law and will act without pity for profiteers. If you must make an example you must choose millionaires and not the little fellows."

He also demanded a plebiscite on the question of fusion with Germany as of March 1. Professor Wolkan, representing the salaried classes, cried: "Austria is dead; long live Germany."

A demonstration considered by the police as an ugly augury was held in the hotel district last night. Crowds paraded back and forth shouting threats against profiteers.

VIENNA, Jan. 13.—Tension over the existing economic and political situation in the Austrian republic seems to be increasing. Doors of the big hotels in Vienna are shuttered at dusk because of communist demonstrations against them as symbols of profiteering. As yet no disorder has occurred.

Postal employees have announced they have called a strike, the socialist element demanding that these workers be organized as a union. The conservatives refused to say whether they will declare a strike against the strike of their co-workers. Mail collections ceased tonight and telephone and telegraph services will be suspended tomorrow if matters are not settled. It is believed an adjustment is improbable and that a general strike will be called.

Workmen demand that the deduction of the income tax from their pay envelopes cease until the capital levy law enacted by the last national assembly is enforced. They declare they will continue their strike until profiteering is checked. The government today drafted drastic regulations against profiteering, providing for heavy penalties for violations of the law, some features of which have been disregarded. At present articles not under government control are offered at fabulous prices. The government has conceded a new salary increase totalling more than 4,000,000 kroner annually and has announced 100 per cent increases in the postage and freight rates to be charged for tobacco, salt and alcohol. Officials in foreign circles who have come in close contact with the situation assert Austria is approaching a climax and the general uneasiness was increased by a report printed here today that former Emperor Charles was already on his way from Switzerland to Hungary.

UNION LABOR GIVEN BLOW IN FRANCE

Dissolution of General Federation of Labor Ordered by Court and Officials Fined—Labor Action in Railroad Strike Last May Real Cause of Decision—Leon Jouhaux Chief Defendant.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Dissolution of the General Federation of Labor was ordered today by the court which has been hearing the cases against Leon Jouhaux, president of the federation and the other of its officers on charges of infringements of law governing unions. Fines of 100 francs each were imposed upon Jouhaux and four other federation officials.

The trial of Jouhaux and his associates was begun December 16. The charges against them were of a technical character, such as the admission to membership in the federation of irregularly formed unions like those of the teachers and postal and other civil service. The federation, however, was charged with having political objects, as was alleged to have been shown by its participation in the railroad strike last May, at which time the cabinet announced it had instructed the minister of justice to open proceedings against the federation with a view to its dissolution.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Paul Claudel, former French minister to Brazil, has been appointed French ambassador to Japan. It was announced by newspaper today.

PORTLAND METAL UNIONS OPPOSE WAGE DECREASE

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—The Pacific coast district metal trades council, representing unions from coast points went on record as unalterably opposed to any reduction of wages at this time, and recommended that questions of reductions affecting workers be referred to local metal trades councils and international officers in the districts affected. This decision was reached at the conclusion of the annual convention last night, it was announced today.

The discussion of wage readjustment came up as a result of a declaration made by the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation of Vancouver, Wash., that it must make a reduction of ten per cent in wages or drop 500 men from the payroll. The convention decided to refer the Standifer question to the various unions represented at that plant, and a meeting was called for today by the Vancouver Metal Trades Council to take action on the matter.

J. N. TEAL CHAIRMAN JOINT COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The memberships of the joint committee of the shipping board and in the interstate commerce commission, which is to work out the application of the various provisions of the transportation act and the Jones merchant act, was announced today by the shipping board.

Representing the board are commissioner J. N. Teal of Oregon, chairman of the committee and J. I. Thompson of Alabama and Guy D. Goff of Wisconsin. Representing the commission are Commissioners C. C. McCord, Henry C. Hall and Mark W. Potter.

Readjustment of export and import rail routes, Chairman Teal said, will be the first matter before the committee in an effort to influence the flow of tonnage in American bottoms. Tiger Crew at Poughkeepsie. PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 13.—For the first time in a decade Princeton rowing authorities are seriously considering an invitation to send the Tiger varsity to Poughkeepsie for the inter-collegiate regatta June 25.

McCumber Proposes Duty 50c a Bushel on Canadian Wheat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—To stop "enormous importations of Canadian wheat," Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, announced today that he would ask for a tariff of probably fifty cents a bushel on wheat to be included in the Fordney emergency tariff bill instead of the duty of thirty cents carried by the measure as it passed the house.

Senator McCumber before the senate finance committee hearing on the Fordney tariff measure, said he feared ruin of the American wheat farmer as the market already was glutted with Canadian wheat and 150,000,000 bushels for export remained. He declared he did not believe the price of bread would be increased by a fifty cent duty on wheat.

WALKING STILL CAPTURED BY LOCAL SHERIFF

County Officials Aided by Medford Night Police Round Up Four Bootleggers—Arm Pit Still Found on Member of Quartette.

Four men giving the names of J. Stewart and E. Hill, John Doe and James Doe were arrested by the sheriff's office Wednesday night for having liquor in their possession and one was equipped with the latest styles in bootlegging accessories. When the men were searched a copper cylinder was found strapped around his body, held in place by a strap over the shoulder, and filled with bonded whiskey. To this cylinder was attached a rubber tube, and customers were served either by the bottle or the drink, by the syphon system. The contraption could be easily hidden under the overcoat. The four furnished \$800 bonds for appearance before Justice of the Peace D. W. Bagshaw of Jacksonville at ten o'clock Saturday morning. The men were arrested at a local hotel. Night policemen Hempstreet and Adams assisted in the arrest.

In the possession of the two was found seven pints of Old Taylor, a gallon and a quart of pure alcohol, and an instrument for testing the strength of the forbidden beverage. It is the belief of the sheriff's office that they did a good business in this city Wednesday. They were supplied with plenty of money, and readily furnished \$800 bonds in \$100 bills. All were well dressed and diamond bedecked.

In the suitcase of one of the prisoners a bottle of whisky was found. He claimed to have been a lieutenant colonel in the army, and prominent in the social and business life of San Francisco and Portland, with a father rated as one of the richest men in the northwest.

This citizen claimed that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, and that his only crime was being caught in bad company. He was coming over the Siskiyou via auto and burned out a bearing on his car. The two alleged bootleggers gave him assistance, and he left his suitcase in their room, where it was found by the authorities.

SOUTH RIVER, Ont., Jan. 13.—Delayed by cold the train carrying the American balloonists to Toronto is two and a half hours late and will not reach that city before 4:30 p. m. The party is expected to leave for the states at 8 p. m.

DECLARES DRY LAW, UNAMENDED, WILL MEAN SWEEPING U. S. PASSENGER SHIPS FROM OCEAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Amendment of the prohibition enforcement act to permit American passenger lines in foreign trade to carry and sell liquor outside the three-mile limit of the United States was urged today by the house judiciary committee by steamship officials who complained that because of present restrictions, foreign ships were handling the bulk of travel.

Representative Edmonds, republican, Pennsylvania, author of the amendment declared that failure to amend the law would make it impossible for American ships to get anything except overflow travel.

FISH BILL PASSES IN COMMITTEE

House Makes Favorable Report Unanimous—Legislature Adjourns Until Monday For Special Message From Governor, Subject of Which Is Kept Secret—Senator Thomas, Brother Ill.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—Senator C. M. Thomas of Jackson county has received word of the critical illness of his brother, W. G. Thomas of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

SALEM, Jan. 13.—Both branches of the Oregon legislature adjourned at noon today until Monday when they will meet in joint session to receive a special message from Governor Ben W. Olcott. The governor in requesting the joint session made no announcement as to the nature of the message beyond saying it deals with a "constructive state question."

A resolution introduced in the senate today proposes that a committee of six members of the house and five of the senate confer with a like committee from the legislature from the state of Washington relative to mutual fishing interests on the Columbia river.

Terms of Bill. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—An unanimous decision to draft and report out a bill re-organizing the fish and game commission along lines agreed upon between the sportsmen and commercial fishing interests last November has been reached by the house game committee.

The bill provides that the five members of the proposed game commission be appointed by the governor for a term of five years. The governor may remove commissioners for the good of the service and to start the commission, five members shall be appointed, one to serve one year, one two years and so forth. The fish commission is to consist of three members, as previously announced.

Among the powers granted to the game commission is the right to open any closed season and close any open season at the discretion of the commission and upon proper notice. The bill makes no change in the allocation of game fish hatcheries or reserves. An emergency clause is contained in the bill to enable the commission to separate as soon as practicable and enter upon their duties as individual boards.

Consider Reapportionment. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—A special committee, composed of five members of the senate, including the president and five of the house, including the speaker, to consider all bills relative to reapportionment of representation for several counties and also all bills dealing with the creation of new congressional districts, is proposed in a joint resolution introduced today by Senator Upton.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—Through a suggestion to the ways and means committee by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, the amount to be appropriated by the present legislature to meet deficiencies authorized by the emergency board in the last two years may be cut from \$459,766 to \$234,766, almost 50 per cent. The total in deficiencies that has been authorized is \$459,766. Of this amount the largest item is \$225,000 under the education aid millage act for soldiers, sailors and marines. This is four-tenths of a mill, which on the basis of the state's present assessed valuation, produces about \$440,000 a year.

"Don't prohibitionists travel?" asked Representative Igoe, democrat, Missouri. "I understand they go on ships that are not dry because they want to enjoy the fun," Mr. Edmonds replied. Edward F. Smith, president and manager of the New York and Cuba steamship line, said that "the law will force nearly every passenger ship owner to transfer his vessels to foreign registry." F. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, declared the law as it is today would mean the death of the American ship in the passenger trade of the world.