

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 43
Minimum today 73
Precipitation .08

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Occasional rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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LOAN FUND \$30,000,000 IS PROPOSED

Measure Introduced in State Legislature to Give Aid to Legion, Civil War and Spanish War Veterans—Anti-Jap Bill Prepared—Special Dry Officer Favored.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—In a special message to the legislature today, Governor Olcott recommended that it enact legislation proclaiming Armistice day a legal holiday.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—Approximately \$30,000,000 immediately and more as the state's property valuation should increase, would be available as a loan fund to ex-service men and to others qualified to be members of the American Legion, to veterans of the Civil War, and of the Spanish war by a referendum measure which Senator Bruce Dennis of Union county introduced today.

Beneficiaries under the act would be allowed to borrow not to exceed \$5,000 at any one time, secured by a first mortgage upon real estate.

Investigate Paper Trust. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—An immediate investigation by the federal trade commission of all paper mills operating in Oregon is demanded in a point memorial introduced in the state senate today by Senator Bruce Dennis of Union county.

The memorial points out that every user of paper mill products is suffering from what is apparently an unjust and abnormal price of paper.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—Senator Norblad's concurrent resolution providing for a joint committee of the Oregon legislature to confer with a like committee from the Washington legislature relative to fishing in the Columbia river was adopted today by the state senate.

Anti-Japanese Bill. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—An anti-Japanese bill, patterned after the California law was submitted to the attorney general today by Representative Barge Leonard of Portland for approval as to its constitutionality and if the attorney general holds the measure valid, Mr. Leonard said he would immediately introduce it in the house.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—Creation of the office of prohibition commissioner carrying a salary of \$3,000 a year is proposed in a bill introduced today by Senators Farrell and Eddy of the committee on alcoholic traffic. Two other bills were introduced by the same members, one making more stringent the fine and imprisonment penalties for liquor law violation and the other proposing a drastic search and seizure statute without search warrant extending to aeroplanes as well as other vehicles.

Budget Commission. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—Following out a recommendation made by Governor Olcott in his message to the legislature, Senator I. L. Patterson of Salem today introduced a bill constituting the state board of control as a budget commission of the state. At present the board has authority only over the estimates of the state institutions.

The heads of the several state departments would be required to submit their estimates to the board on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year, together with estimates of their probable receipts from all sources. Also it would require that persons having claims against the state file them with the board on or

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4 Sand Corporations Fined \$40,000 for Anti-Trust Violation

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Four sand and gravel corporations and their officers and directors pleaded guilty today to an indictment charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law in connection with a monopoly in Cow Bay sand.

They agreed to dissolve the sand and gravel Board of Trade of which they were members and were assessed fines totaling \$40,000.

The corporations pleading guilty were the Goodwin-Gallagher Sand and Gravel corporation; Manhattan Sand company, Inc.; Lenox Sand and Gravel company, Inc., and Colonial Sand and Stone company, Inc. Their indictments as well as those against their officers and directors, grew out of the joint legislative committee investigating the "building trust."

Each company was fined \$5,000, each individual defendant \$1,000 and \$4,000.

ELECT GOMPERS PREST. AFTER A CLOSE SQUEEK

Spanish Opposition to U. S. Labor Leader Only Overcome by Gompers' Dramatic Withdrawal From the Contest.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—American delegates to the congress of the Pan-American Federation of Labor will leave Mexico City tonight regardless of whether the congress completes its work at today's session, Samuel Gompers, leader of the American representatives, announced at the close of yesterday's sessions. It is probable that the congress will attempt to clear away the eighteen resolutions still awaiting disposition.

Yesterday's session created the first real excitement of the congress and there were many tense moments, when it appeared the Spanish speaking delegates were about to oust Mr. Gompers from the leadership of the federation. They counted their attack upon him with bitter criticism of the foreign policy of the United States government, Guatemala, Colombia, Salvador and San Domingo threatening withdrawal. So vehement became his opponents that the veteran labor leader called Treasurer James Lord to take the chair and answered his critics from the floor. He concluded his address by declining the nomination for the presidency of the federation.

The moment after Mr. Gompers left the floor Louis Morones, whose candidacy had been pressed by the Guatemalan division, withdrew from the contest. Mr. Gompers then was again placed in nomination by Daniel J. Tobin on motion by Mr. Lord, he was elected unanimously, one delegate from Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico each casting a dissenting vote.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Investigation of the United States expedition to Siberia was proposed by Senator Johnson, republican, California, in a resolution introduced today and referred to the foreign relations committee. It was proposed that the committee inquire into the accomplishments of American troops in Siberia and also the present conditions of Americans and their business interests there.

NAVAL HOLIDAY NO PEACE MOVE STATES OKUMA

Former Jap Premier Says U. S. Would Be Most Benefitted by Reduction in Armaments—Langdon Killing Is Still Live Topic.

TOKIO, Jan. 17.—(By Associated Press.) American proposals that Japan, Great Britain and the United States "take a naval holiday" is eloquent proof that despite the fabulous riches of America, she wishes to curtail national expenditures, and therefore the proposals are intended more to help America than to contribute to the peace of the world, said Marquis Okuma, former Japanese premier, in an interview here today. He asserted America first should consult Great Britain relative to the suggested suspension of naval program.

"Only when an American-British agreement has been reached," he added, "can Japan be in a position to consider this proposition. Japan's naval program is fixed at the minimum necessary for national defense."

Charges that it appears the American government is giving the incident arising out of the death of Naval Lieutenant Langdon at Vladivostok undue importance are made by the Kokumin Shimbun.

"If, as believed," the newspaper continues, "America goes as far as to bring up Japan's basic policy in Siberia, including the question of the evacuation of that country by Japanese troops, it is likely that fresh cause for discussion has arisen between the two governments. Moreover, such a question would cause a dispute between the Japanese foreign officers and military authorities here."

Japan Government Timid? Surprise at what it terms "timidity of the government," is expressed by the Hochi Shimbun, which adds: "The government is doing everything to apologize to America, when, according to information reaching Japan, no fault was found in the actions of the sentry who shot Lieutenant Langdon. Apparently the government has two stories—one for American consumption, and the other for the Japanese."

The Yamato Shimbun argues the sentry merely was performing his duty and asserts there is no reason for the death of an officer in a foreign country being regarded as a serious international incident.

Press advices from Vladivostok declare Lieutenant Langdon walked to the cruiser Albany, saluted the gangway guard and collapsed before making any statement. Confirmation that the lieutenant's Russian wife shot and killed herself the day following the death of her husband has been received in dispatches to newspapers here.

SHRINE MEETING AT DES MOINES JUNE 14

TACOMA, Jan. 18.—Ella Lewis Garretson, imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine today announced that the next meeting of the Shrines of North America will be held in Des Moines, Ia., on June 14, 15 and 16.

Plans to make the session a purely business meeting have been abandoned, Mr. Garretson stated, and the various temples will be present with their bands and patrols as in the past. The meeting of the Shrine in Portland last June chose Atlantic City as the seat of the 1921 session, but the officers of the order cancelled that place on account of excessive hotel rates. Des Moines was finally chosen over Savannah, Ga., Los Angeles and other cities.

SUMPTER VALLEY ROUND HOUSE IS BURNED UP

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—The roundhouse of the Sumpter Valley railroad at Baker, Ore., was destroyed by fire early today, according to a report received here by Charles T. Early, general manager of the company. Several engines were damaged, but train service will not be interrupted appreciably, said Mr. Early. The loss was reported between \$25,000 and \$50,000, covered by insurance. The roundhouse will be rebuilt at once. The cause of the fire was not reported.

French Troops Fire on Red Mutineers in Gen. Wrangel's Army

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—French black troops turned their machine guns on mutinous Cossacks of General Wrangel's former army encamped 25 miles northwest of Constantinople Saturday night after the Cossacks had disarmed their officers. The Russians returned the fire, killing 10 Senegalese and wounding 20 others and two French officers.

The French encircled the Cossacks' camp and ultimately got the mutineers under control. The leaders of the uprising were arrested and are being court-martialed.

ARTHUR GRIFFITH SCHEDULED FOR A COURT MARTIAL

DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization, who was arrested in his home here November 26, will be court-martialed if the present plans of the authorities are carried out. The date has not been set.

A recent dispatch from Dublin said the arrest of Arthur Griffith and others (November 26) was in an effort to ascertain responsibility for the use of Irish republican funds in operation which resulted in loss of lives among British troops. It said, Eamon DeValera, "president of the Irish republic," might be held to be the source of those funds.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Four civilians were killed and seven black and tan auxiliary policemen were wounded in a fight in county Galway, Ireland, according to reports received here today. The fight ensued when a black and tan patrol was ambushed near the city of Galway.

BELFAST, Jan. 18.—David Kent, Sinn Fein member of the house of commons for the east division of Cork was arrested yesterday. He makes the seventeenth Sinn Fein member of the British parliament now in jail. Six other members are in the United States.

Constable Boyd was shot dead yesterday in a saloon in county Tipperary. His assailants escaped.

BAR "SHIMMY" AND TODDLE IN CHICAGO SCHOOLS

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The "shimmy" and the "toddle" are not proper dances for school entertainments, Superintendent Peter A. Mortenson ruled today in barring them from the community center activities.

Teachers at the centers differed in their opinions as to the propriety of the dances, it is said, resulting in the edict. "The dances that resulted in today's order probably would be all right on the stage or public dance floors, but in the schools we must maintain a high standard in all entertainments," Superintendent Mortenson said.

"We try to keep every activity of the centers on a plane so high that school children can engage in them. Saturday, we do not believe that the shimmy and the toddle are proper dances for school entertainments."

FATHER OF SIX ELOPES WITH MOTHER OF FOUR

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 18.—Charles Grimes, tobacco planter and stock man of Harrodsburg, Ky., and Mrs. Cora Adkinson, wife of another Harrodsburg farmer, were under arrest here today charged with having abandoned their families and having eloped. Grimes left his wife and six children, while Mrs. Adkinson left her husband and four children. The couple told the police here that several times since leaving Harrodsburg in an automobile for Florida, they were inclined to turn back and seek forgiveness. Grimes gave the following reason for not doing so: "You know how it is in my country. When a man runs off with another man's wife, the husband is supposed to do some shooting."

\$100,000 MAIL ROBBERY WORK OF FIVE YOUTHS

Chicago Boys Hold Up Mail Train at Union Station Under Nose of Watchman—Federal Reserve Money Is Taken—Amount Unknown.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Five youthful bandits held up a United States mail truck at the Union Station here today, escaping in an automobile with twelve sacks of mail, ten of which contained registered mail. Police say that the pouches contained part of a federal reserve bank money shipment destined for St. Paul.

The bandits surprised three postal employees guarding the pouches, forcing them at the point of guns back into their truck, while the bandit car drew along side and the twelve mail bags were transferred to it. The robbers worked swiftly and the robbery was accomplished in a few minutes.

The regular mail was composed solely of city collections, the police say. The registered mail bags were supposed to contain currency and bonds of a value not estimated. One of the postal employees said that only a few minutes after they had arrived at the station with their truck the bandit car dashed up. The police believe the robbery was an inside job and that the bandits had knowledge of the bank shipment.

Thomas Carter, Richard J. Silney and Phillip Cahill, postal employees, said the five robbers, none of whom appeared to be more than twenty years old, all wore black masks and executed the robbery so quickly that the attention of a watchman and a railroad mail foreman working nearby was not attracted until the bandit car was speeding away with the twelve pouches.

Postal authorities early today were unable to estimate the amount of the loot. They said the shipments to the northwest which usually go out on the 2:30 a. m. mail average about \$100,000 in value but they consoled themselves with the knowledge that the Tuesday shipments are generally light.

S. F. BANDIT IS NEGRO BOY IN FLOUR SACK

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The identity of a bandit who, arrayed in a white flour sack and a pair of white cotton gloves, has robbed three street cars and more than a dozen automobile parties in the past two months here, was revealed today when police arrested a fifteen-year-old negro boy who gave the name of Raymond Thompson. He was apprehended after a garage watchman also a negro, reported that the masked figure had robbed the garage bill. The boy confessed to the street car, automobile and garage robberies, the police said.

"I needed the money," was his explanation.

MINE WAR CLAIMS GIVEN TO COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A favorable report was ordered today by the house mining committee on the senate bill giving the court of claims jurisdiction over claims filed against the government by producers of minerals seeking relief from losses sustained during the war.

Proponents of the measure told the committee that the present system of having claims handled by a commission appointed by the secretary of the interior was "unfair and unjust" to producers, who at the government's request operated their properties at a loss during the war.

TEACHER DISCHARGED FOR RED AFFILIATION

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Membership and participation in the communist party of America was held to be sufficient grounds for the discharge of a public school teacher in a decision made public today by Frank B. Gilbert, acting commissioner of education, in dismissing an appeal by Julia D. Pratt, the action of the Buffalo board of education, in dismissing her, of

Movie Factory Blows Up; 2 Killed, Over Ten People Injured

BAYONNE, N. J., Jan. 18.—Two persons were killed and more than ten were injured in an explosion and fire in a building housing several film manufacturing firms today.

Two charred bodies, apparently blown through a window of the plant, were found beside the tracks of a railway near the factory. One apparently was that of a woman.

Firemen worked desperately to check the flames and rescue others who might be inside the building.

Ten injured persons were taken to the Bayonne hospital. Fifteen persons were inside the small building when the explosion occurred. Instantly the structure was in flames.

The fire was caused by the ignition of films which flared up with a blast that shattered windows in the vicinity.

PACIFIC FLEET SEARCHING FOR LOST SEAPLANE

NC-6 Last Heard of Between Gulfs Fonseca and Nicoya—No Report Since Jany. 15—Commander Towers Operated On—Will Live.

U. S. S. NEW MEXICO AT SEA (By radio to the Associated Press), Jan. 18.—Commander John H. Towers, division commander of the NC naval seaplanes on the flight to Panama, was stricken with appendicitis while at sea and was transferred today in a serious condition to the hospital ship Mercy of the Pacific fleet. He was operated on immediately and will live, fleet surgeons said.

ABOARD U. S. S. NEW MEXICO AT SEA (By radio to the Associated Press), Jan. 18.—The Pacific fleet arrived at Balboa at 9 a. m. today. The New Mexico went inside and tied up at the dock. Official calls were exchanged. Admiral Hugh Rodman, in command of the Pacific fleet, called on the governor and president of Panama and the commanding general.

The naval seaplane, NC-6 when last heard from was making the flight between the Gulf of Fonseca and Gulf of Nicoya. No report had been received since 12:50 p. m. January 15.

The U. S. S. Kanawha and U. S. S. Gannett have been continuing the search. The U. S. S. Mugford with the survivors of the NC-5 is being towed by Kanawha. The U. S. S. Birmingham and eighteen destroyers of the Pacific fleet were refueled on their arrival here and were dispatched at once to look for the NC-6.

An off-shore wind probably has blown the plane westward. "The first unit of the Atlantic fleet is due Wednesday. The Pennsylvania, flagship of Admiral Wilson, and the remainder of battleships are due Thursday.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 18.—Sixty-eight passengers on a Russian railway train running from Luga on the Gulf of Finland to Novgorod, southeast of Petrograd, were burned to death when a quantity of benzine being carried as freight exploded and wrecked the train, says a Helsingfors dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende today. The train caught fire from the flaming fluid.

MINERS ASK U. S. TROOPS IN JASPER

United Mine Workers Protest Against Use State Troops in Coal Fields—Claim Soldiers Aid Operators in Breaking Strike—Gun Men Shoot Women and Children.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—Charges that state troops in the coal fields near Jasper, Ala., are there for no other purpose than to break the strike of miners, are made in a statement today from the offices of the United Mine Workers of America.

According to the statement, officials of the mine workers were not surprised to learn that ten soldiers of the Alabama National Guard had been arrested at Jasper in connection with the killing of William Baird, a coal miner who was taken by force from jail. Baird was being held on a charge of murdering a member of the militia.

The miners' statement, prepared by Ellis Seates, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, said: "This is one of a series of outrages that have been committed against the striking miners of Alabama. Gunmen in the employ of the coal companies, have shot up miners' homes and wounded women and children. They have shot down a number of miners for no reason whatever, except to create a reign of terror to break the strike. Fifteen hundred Alabama state troops have been in the strike zone for four months at a cost to the state of approximately \$600,000, but there has been nothing to do because the striking miners have been law abiding and have indulged in no disorders.

"The military authorities have issued orders forbidding all meetings of the United Mine Workers. We hear they have even prevented religious meetings and meetings of Masonic and other lodges attended by the coal miners."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A request that federal troops be sent into the coal mine strike district in Alabama to replace the Alabama National Guard has been received at the White House from the United Mine Workers of America.

The request was referred to the war department and it was said that officials had decided that the request for federal troops should come from the governor.

WORDS OF SPANISH KING END STRIKE

SEVILLE, Jan. 17.—King Alfonso rebuked several strikers today while at the railway station awaiting a train. "You should never abandon your duty," he said. "A civil servant who throws up his job is not worth being a civil servant. I am the first civil servant of Spain and, accordingly, carry out my duties."

The king's words made a great impression upon the strikers and the belief is expressed that the idle men will return to work at once.

BILBAO, Spain, Jan. 17.—Police officials discovered twelve bombs in a house here today and arrested the inmates of the place.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The Spanish cabinet has decided to resign, according to a Madrid dispatch quoting information received in political circles.

DYNAMITE SHIP IS SAVED FROM CRASH ON ROCKS BY SUDDEN CHANGE IN WIND

TACOMA, Jan. 18.—The steamer Santa Alicia of the Grace line, sister ship of the Santa Rita which lost the barge W. J. Pirre south of Cape Flattery in November, limped back into port today in a leaking condition. The steamer was caught in a storm off Cape Flattery last Saturday. Captain O. B. Lindholm reported, and the greatest difficulty was experienced in keeping her off the rocks. She carried 2,400 cases of dynamite which might have exploded had she hit the rocks. Nothing but a sudden wind from the shore saved the ship, the captain said. Upon arrival here today, it was discovered that both the oil and water tanks of the steamer were leaking. Her cargo, including flour, lumber and box sheiks in addition to the dynamite, may have to be removed. The Santa Alicia was bound for South America when overtaken by her difficulties.

GOVERNMENT EXPERT TELLS SHEEPMEN WILD SUNFLOWERS WILL SAVE INDUSTRY

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 18.—Cooperative marketing of livestock to eliminate unnecessary "middlemen" and excessive commission charges was urged today upon delegates to the National Wool Growers association convention in session here. C. H. Whitney, manager of the Farmers' Union Livestock Commission company of Omaha, discussed the advantages gained by producers and feeders through cooperative marketing. He asserted that producers who operated on "closed" livestock exchanges are "caught coming and going" by commission men. He declared that only members of the exchange are allowed to bid on stock in the closed exchanges and that because of entertainments, advertisement, soliciting and incidental expenses, excessive commissions are charged. Wild sunflowers planted and grown as feed will revolutionize the sheep industry, according to V. O. McWhorter, superintendent of the United States sheep experimental station at Du Bois, Idaho. McWhorter spoke on "parents of profitable fine-wooled sheep." He explained the use of sunflowers as sheep feed and the advantages of raising long fleece stock rather than short fleece.