

The Weather
 Maximum yesterday46
 Minimum today34
 Precipitation15

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
 Rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
 Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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SPARKS FLY IN SENATE PORT FIGHT

Charges and Counter Charges Exchanged Over Motion of Senator Joseph Ordering an Immediate Report on Port of Portland—Adjournment is Finally Taken.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—After an acrimonious debate in the senate today in which charges and counter-charges were exchanged, motives impugned and angry retorts hurled, over a motion of Senator Joseph that the judiciary committee be ordered to report immediately on the Port of Portland consolidation bills, so they might be made a special order, an adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock without a vote.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—Representatives of several Portland bond houses have announced their intention to appear before the senate committee on revision of laws at a public meeting to be held in the state house tonight to consider proposed legislation governing the operation of bond dealers. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the public hearing room.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—Four educational bills, introduced by Representative Overturf of Crook county, at the request of School Director W. F. Woodward of Portland, were brought before the committee on education this afternoon. Representative Sheldon of Jackson county is chairman of the committee and Director Woodward appeared in support of the bills. One proposed bill provides for the supplying of free text books in elementary schools, a second bill makes the school elections conform to the general elections, a third fixes the term of school directors in certain districts and the fourth relates to the qualification of voters at school elections, removing the property restriction so that all citizens may vote.

Loan is Urged

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—The state would be authorized to create a loan fund for the use of districts created by owners of logged off land who need financial assistance in the clearing of their land, under a joint resolution introduced this forenoon in the house by Representative Miles of Columbia in collaboration with Senator Norblad of Clatsop. The resolution would be submitted to a vote of the people and if passed would authorize the issuance of bonds to an amount not to exceed two per cent of the assessed valuation of the state.

New Tax System

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—A county unit system of taxation for school districts is to be embraced in a bill now being prepared by a committee of the county superintendents association of the state.

The object is to eliminate the inequalities that now exist among districts which long have been unsatisfactory and the target of criticism. Under the proposed bill, school districts would be divided into three classes, city districts, village districts or those having from 500 to 1000 pupils and county districts. Taxation in the city and the village districts would be

BLOODY SUNDAY MEETING IN PORTLAND PROHIBITED, 13 RADICALS ARE NABBED

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—A meeting, which according to a street circular, was called "in memoriam of bloody Sunday" in Petrograd, January 23, 1905," was prohibited last night by the police and thirteen alleged radicals were arrested and held on charges of violating the state criminal syndicalism act. The police announced that they had seized a quantity of radical literature found on the persons of those arrested, who it was said were members of the so-called union liberty league.

Among those scheduled to speak at

Would Make Hold-Up in Oregon Punishable by Sentence of Death

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—Punishment by death will be meted out to men for robbery or attempted robbery if a bill being prepared by Senator Hume passes the legislature.

The Hume bill will make it an offense punishable by hanging to assault with intent to kill or to place any person in jeopardy of his life by reason of disposition to kill on the part of the assailant. The senator believes the measure would have the effect of driving a big percentage of Oregon's criminals from the state.

VALUE MONTANA DAIRY INDUSTRY OVER 27 MILLION

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 24.—The dairying industry was worth to Montana in 1920, \$27,595,016.10, according to the eighth annual report of W. A. Fluhr, state deputy commissioner. In butter production Montana ranked twenty-first in the United States, the report states.

Retail milk and cream is the biggest item in the \$27,595,016.10. Other items are: Creamery butter \$14,260 pounds at sixty cents, \$3,548,556; dairy butter 500,000 pounds at fifty cents, \$250,000; cheese 266,973 pounds at forty cents, \$106,689.20; ice cream 700,000 gallons at \$1.20 a gallon, \$840,000; skim milk and buttermilk at half a cent \$649,761.90; 180,000 calves at \$20 a head, \$3,600,000; fertilizing value per cow at \$20 a head \$3,600,000.

The report concludes with a number of recommendations to the legislature for amendments to the dairy law, one that all milk or cream sold at retail be delivered in bottles only.

TOLSTOI CONFIRMS SALONIKI DISPATCH

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—Count Ilya Tolstoi, son of the late Russian author, who is here on a lecture tour, said he believed that a "nephew of the novelist, Tolstoi," mentioned in an Associated Press dispatch from Saloniki as among 30,000 refugees from Crete, who are facing starvation, was his son, Andrew, a Russian officer, or possibly the son of his eldest brother. Speaking of the plight of the refugees he said it was "too true."

SCHOOL TENURE FIGHT MAY BE ADJUSTED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—An amicable adjustment of teachers' tenure is the object of a concurrent resolution introduced today by Senator Hume of Multnomah county. It calls for the postponement of the Staples tenure bill now pending and provides that a special committee of two senate and three house members be appointed to investigate the tenure question during the next two years and report at the next session of the legislature.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24.—The Norwegian steamer Ottawa Jarl, which arrived Saturday night from England, reported having passed a 7000-ton derelict steamer in latitude 47.50, longitude 49. They were unable to determine her name and said there were no signs of life on board. The captain expressed the opinion that the steamer was either of Spanish or Italian registry.

MOST VITAL MEETING SINCE TREATY, OPENS

Allied Leaders Gather in Paris to Iron Out Problems Post-War Period—Reparation, Disarmament, Turk Treaty and Russia Chief Questions.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan gathered here today for a conference which seemed second in importance only to that preceding the signing of the treaty of Versailles.

The principal figures of the meeting were David Lloyd George, British prime minister and Aristide Briand, who last week assumed the post of president of the council of French republic.

About these men the negotiations of the conference are expected to revolve and it was believed when the conference will have adjourned, the allied world will have settled long-pending and serious questions.

The importance of these subjects ranked as follows:

Reparations, disarmament of Germany, enforcement of alteration of the treaty with Turkey, relief for Austria and policies to be pursued in dealing with Russia.

The conference, which virtually was a meeting of the supreme council originally formed during the peace conference, began with the discussion of German disarmament.

At one p. m. the council adjourned, after having devoted nearly all of its first session to hearing Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson of the British imperial staff and General Maurice Nollet, head of the French military mission in Berlin.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Referring to the approaching conference of the allies, the Temps says:

"The premiers' conference cannot examine into the Near East question. It was under Mr. Briand's war ministry that the Saloniki expedition which culminated with the elimination of Bulgaria as a war factor, was undertaken by the Lloyd George cabinet decided the campaign of General Allenby, commander of the British troops in Mesopotamia which settled Turkey.

"The military authorities have done their work well. Now it is up to the civilians who gave them power to complete their task."

CHESTER ROWELL QUILTS U. S. JOB

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Chester Rowell of California resigned today as a member of the new shipping board, effective immediately. It was announced at the White House that he will be leaving the board to become a member of the California railroad commission.

Mr. Rowell, a republican, was appointed by President Wilson, November 13 for two years. The nominations of the seven members of the board are before the senate and whether any of them will be acted on remains to be determined.

CARSON WILL DECLINE ULSTER PREMIERSHIP

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Sir Edward Carson is expected to refuse the premiership of the province of Ulster and also intimate his withdrawal from Irish affairs when he receives an Ulster delegation tomorrow, says the Daily Mail. He will continue his interest in Ireland, the newspaper declares, simply as a well wisher from England.

Sir Edward will go to Ulster next month to publicly announce his withdrawal and attend the opening of the Ulster parliament, which ceremony, the Daily Mail declares, may be performed by King George.

MALHEUR MURDERER ARRIVES IN SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—George Howard, sentenced to die for the murder of George R. Sweeney in Malheur county, arrived at the state prison yesterday in charge of H. Lee Noe, sheriff and two deputies from Vale. Howard's execution has been set for February 25, but may be delayed should his attorneys perfect an appeal to the supreme court.

Elmer Cox and Mrs. Louis E. Barry Held For Hearing Thurs.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Ex-Captain E. H. Cox, alias E. H. Barry, and Mrs. Louis E. Barry, who were arrested here last week on a charge of violating the lodging house ordinance, are to appear in court tomorrow.

Records at police headquarters showed that neither of them had been released on their recognizance, nor released on bail. It was said at headquarters, however, that both had been released on \$50 bail and that they were to appear for trial before Judge Rossman tomorrow morning.

The specific charge against the couple is that they were registered at a downtown hotel as man and wife and Cox at least, was said to have registered under an assumed name. The arrest followed their alleged association with two men who were known to the city detectives as bootleggers.

GASOLINE TANK CAR EXPLODES SCORES KILLED

Over 25 Killed, 50 Injured in Memphis When Spark From Workman's Chisel Lights in Car of Gasoline—Entire District Burned.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 24.—At least twenty-five persons, most of them negroes, were killed, according to police estimates, and fifty or more injured by an explosion of a tank car of gasoline near the filling station of the Colyar-Reese company, set off presumably by a spark from a workman's chisel, which tore to splinters a row of frame dwellings here today, shattered windows within a radius of fifteen blocks and shook the entire north end of the city.

The explosion occurred in the center of a densely populated part of the city and a short distance from a gas plant. Twenty frame houses, the length of a block, were literally splintered by the force of the explosion and set afire.

The resultant fire which, for a time threatened to spread to a gas plant and several nearby manufacturing concerns was checked before it gained headway.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 24.—Possibly a score of persons were killed and fifty or more injured as a result of an explosion of a tank car filled with gasoline in the north end of Memphis today which set fire to a row of small dwellings, occupied mostly by negroes, a number of whom are missing and believed to have been burned to death.

Early police estimates place the number of dead as high as twenty-five. Reports from various hospitals indicated that at least fifty had been given treatment for broken limbs and other injuries.

Oregon's Electoral Vote May Be Lost, Delegate Delayed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—A special to the Portland Telegram from Washington, D. C., says Oregon's electoral vote for president and vice president may not be counted unless the messenger from that state delegated to bring it to congress arrives before midnight tonight.

The vote has been received by mail but under the law the attested ballot of the state electors must be delivered to the vice president by the fourth Monday in January, which time expires at midnight tonight.

Walter L. Robb, who was designated by his fellow electors to carry the vote of the state to Washington, was reported still in Portland today. He had been planning to leave so as to arrive in Washington on February 9, the date on which the law specifies that official ballots shall be opened.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—The twelve year old bandit who held up several women in the Hyde Park neighborhood recently was roused late last night by Mrs. Albert Ruff. She raised her hands at his command and then brought her hand down on his head, repeating the action until the lad fled. Mrs. Ruff chased him a block but was outdistanced.

ITALIAN HELD FOR ROBBERY ON EAST SIDE

Manuel Francis Arrested With Property Stolen From Frank Owens' Gardner in Possession—Believed Arrest Will Clear Up Many Depredations

A robbery at the home of Peter Young, gardener of Frank Owens, the thief's tracks on the partially frozen ground and the hawkshaw ability of Chief of Police Timothy, led to the arrest of Manuel Francis, an Italian, and the discovery of another burglary of Saturday night. Francis is charged with both crimes.

Whether guilty or not his arrest relieves the residents of the east hill section of the city of much apprehension, as they have been nervous about him since last August when he began to reside on the second floor of a large abandoned poultry house 1 1/2 miles southeast of the Frank Owens residence. Months ago on their complaints, Chief Timothy arrested Francis on a vagrancy charge, but County Prosecutor Roberts refused to press the charge as Francis showed possession of a \$100 Liberty bond. He is also suspected of stealing jewelry from the residence of John Wells, just across from the Owens residence.

When searched after his arrest Sunday a bank book on the First National bank of Yreka, Calif., showing that Francis has \$991 on deposit, was found on the prisoner. It is thought that Francis has been guilty of much of the petty pilfering and other depredations for some time past in the east end of the city.

Mr. Young discovered Sunday morning on arising that a thief had broken into the screened porch of his home during the night and taken away a side of pork, roll of butter, jars of fruit and other edibles. The thief, as shown by his foot prints, had walked twice around the house to make sure that the family was asleep. Mr. Young at once summoned Chief Timothy, who followed the foot prints for some distance when it dawned upon him suddenly that he knew just where to go to find the thief, and accordingly he made a bee line for the poultry house.

His hunch was a good one, for there he found Francis frying some of the stolen pork, and laying about were all the stolen goods from Young's porch. Then after Young had identified all his property there yet remained a sack of seven loaves of bread and a bag of cakes to be accounted for. "Nothing so simple," remarked the chief to himself sort of Shorty-garnet like, "the villain has busted into some bakery."

Sure enough on investigation Chief Timothy found that the East Side bakery had been broken into during Sunday night and that bread and cakes had been stolen.

Francis is about 25 to 30 years old, and wears a full black beard. He refused to talk following his arrest, on him was also found several letters in Italian, the contents of which Chief Timothy is anxious to know, and therefore is huming an interpreter to read them.

200 AIRMEN ROUT THE 'MAD MULLAH'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Complete destruction of the power of "Mad Mullah" native ruler of Somaliland, Africa and for thirty-four years a problem to British authorities was accomplished within three weeks time by less than two hundred airmen and eleven fighting planes, according to an official report on the operation just received here.

Bombed out of their strongholds, the natives were pursued and all the leaders except Mullah captured or killed, the report stated.

The air expedition was sent out in 1919 but details were kept secret. It was the last of many punitive forces sent to Somaliland where continual uprisings have involved the British in military operations at frequent intervals since 1885.

WOMAN ROUTS BANDIT, CHASES HIM A BLOCK

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Legislature Votes \$250,000 for Care of Member's New Baby

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—The house of representatives this forenoon strayed far afield from the beaten path of legislative subjects and passed a joint resolution extending official felicitations to Representative Childs of Linn, who is the proud father of a brand new boy. The resolution also authorizes the state treasurer to draw from any available fund, \$250,000 for the care and nurture of the child and authorizes the purchase of a jersey cow to further provide for the child's welfare.

LENINE IS AGAIN REPORTED DEAD, AGAIN DENIED

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The reports of death of Premier Lenine of soviet Russia and of a recent attempt to assassinate him by means of a bomb, are characterized in a Moscow wireless dispatch received here today as fantastic rumors.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 24.—Reports of the death of Nikolai Lenine, the soviet Russian premier, are persisting, according to a Helsingfors dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende and the anti-bolshevik press claims to have further evidence of it. These newspapers regard as significant in this connection, adds the dispatch, the fact that Lenine has not attended several recent meetings of the soviet government of officials, all of which were presided over by Leon Trotsky, the minister of war.

Reports of the death of Lenine and of armed attacks upon him have been so frequent in the past three years, only to be followed by refutation, except in the case of certain attempts upon his life, that all such reports have come to be received with decided reserve.

COLORADO BLIZZARD TIES UP TELEGRAPH

DENVER, Jan. 24.—A blanket of snow, eight inches deep, covered Denver and a large portion of eastern Colorado today, resulting in almost complete paralysis of telegraph and telephone communication, east, south and north for several hours. Weather bureau officials declared it was the most severe snow storm of the season.

Precipitation, largely rain, was reported in parts of New Mexico, Utah, Oklahoma, eastern Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming.

ASK BASEBALL SCHOOLS TO FURNISH PLAYERS

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—Schools of baseball to solve the problem of obtaining new players in the major and minor leagues were suggested today by Manager Fred Mitchell of the Boston Nationals, who predicted that such training schools would be established at all baseball parks within a few years.

"It will take time, patience and plenty of careful teaching, but it will pay in the long run," Mitchell said. "Keep them for five years if necessary and if you get a couple of Marnyville, Hornbys or Hollochers out of the lot you are away ahead."

"Buying and selling of big league players is pretty nearly a thing of the past."

SCHMITT PLEADS GUILTY TO KILLING 2 SEATTLE WASH. POLICE OFFICERS BUT MUST STAND TRIAL

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—John Schmitt, alias John Smith, today pleaded guilty in superior court here to a charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of Police Detective James O'Brien who was shot and instantly killed in a pistol battle with Schmitt last Friday night. Schmitt will be placed on trial Thursday morning, the court announced.

Patrolman William T. Angle, whom Schmitt is said by officers to have confessed shooting half an hour before the killing of O'Brien, died late Saturday night. Patrolman Neil McMillan, who was wounded at the same time as Anglie, was in a critical condition today, and physicians said he might not recover.

When Schmitt appeared in court for arraignment shortly after noon he was limping from the effects of three wounds received during his fight with O'Brien and Detective T. G. Montgomery. Asked if he wanted an attorney, he replied:

"No, I want to plead guilty right away."

The court, however, appointed an attorney to handle the case in Schmitt's behalf, and set the trial for Thursday morning. Under the Washington law, the jury may determine whether Schmitt shall or shall not be sentenced to life imprisonment.

BIG COPPER SALE KILLED SUPREME C'T

Minority Stockholders Alice Gold and Silver Mining Co., Win Fight Against the Anaconda—Court Holds Majority Interests Not Authorized to Sell Holdings.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Minority stockholders of the Alice Gold and Silver Mining company won the fight today in the supreme court to have annulled the sale of that company's properties near Butte, Mont., to the Anaconda Copper Mining company.

The contention of the minority that the sale was void because the interests controlling the Anaconda company had a monopoly of the copper trade was denied by the supreme court. There was nothing to show, the court said, that the Anaconda company exercised such control over the market at the time of the sale in 1911.

The minority stockholders claimed that the holders of the majority interest were not authorized to dispose of the holdings against protest of any of the stockholders. The sale was accomplished by the transfer by the Anaconda company of \$1,500,000 of its own stock for the Alice properties, which the lower court held was authorized and justifiable.

The court based its decision on the findings in lower courts that the price was not evidence that a sale could not have been made at a higher price.

"Evidence in this case," the court said, "renders it probable that the promoters of the Amalgamated Copper company when it was organized in 1899 entertained dreams of controlling the supply and price of copper in the inter-state markets of this country, and in the markets of the world, but we are dealing here with the Anaconda company as it was in 1911."

Referring to the contention of the minority that the sale should be annulled because it was negotiated between two directorates having a common membership, the opinion said:

"John D. Ryan, at the time of the sale, was president and a director of the Alice company; he was also a director and general manager of the Anaconda company. In 1905 he obtained an option on the majority of the Alice company stock for \$500,000 and carried it until purchased by the Butte Coalfield company, an Amalgamated subsidiary, of which he was a director, and that company voted a majority of the Alice stock in favor of the disputed sale.

"The record shows beyond controversy that Ryan was the representative of the chief investors in the enterprise; that he dominated the conduct of the practical administrative affairs of the Amalgamated and Anaconda companies and that he very certainly was in control of the board of directors of the companies, which were parties to the sale of the Alice properties."

"The relation of a director to his corporation is of such a fiduciary nature that transactions between boards having common members are regarded as jealously by the law as are personal deals between a director and his corporation, and where the fairness of such transactions are challenged, the burden is upon those who are maintaining them, to show their entire fairness and where a sale is involved, the full adequacy of the consideration."

The opinion then pointed out that the lower courts had in each case agreed that the price offered for the Alice properties was "inadequate" when their value was considered, and had ordered a public sale before confirming the private transactions.

"Sale under the hammer has come to be synonymous with a sale at a sacrifice," the court remarked in refusing to approve this method of establishing adequacy of consideration offered for the property."