

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 47
Minimum today 35

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN IS REACHED

Ambassadors Shidehara and Morris Come to Final Settlement Regarding Race Question—Approval of Two Governments Necessary—Republicans Eager to Settle.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—Negotiations between Ambassadors Morris and Shidehara for the settlement of the California question and the definition of the rights of Japanese in the United States have been successfully concluded.

Members of the senate foreign relations committee have been kept advised by Mr. Morris of the various phases of the negotiations so that if the committee desired to consider in the remaining days of the present session any treaty draft which President Wilson might submit the way would be cleared for prompt action.

5 AIR SQUADRONS AT MATHER FIELD FOR FIRE PATROL

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Aerial paths to all national forests in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Nevada and Utah will radiate from Mather Field here during the coming forest fire season, under plans being made at present.

Five aerial patrols will be on duty constantly during the fire season, with reserve aviators on call at Mather field. It is a theory of the army that fire patrol work is excellent training for aviators and close cooperation between the war department and the department of agriculture, which controls the forests, has been decided upon.

In all, five air squadrons and 1000 men will form the complement of Mather Field under plans announced unofficially. The field, it is believed, soon will be the largest air service training station in the western department of the army.

A forest rangers' school, intended to bring better cooperation with the army aviators, is being conducted at the field. To the same end, a meeting of forest supervisors of California, with representatives from several western states and from Washington, D. C., will be held January 30.

Improvements to care for the added personnel at the air field are expected to consist of twenty-four sets of permanent quarters for married officers.

BETHLEHEM STEEL AUDITOR DENIES \$260,000 SCHWAB VOUCHER CHARGED TO SHIP BUILDING

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Positive denial that any part of the \$260,000 voucher made out for expenses of Charles M. Schwab for the month of October, 1918, was ever charged to ship construction was made today by F. A. Shick, general auditor of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, before the Walsh congressional committee investigating affairs of the shipping board.

Creditors of Morris Brothers May Get 96 Cents on Dollar

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Receivier W. D. Whitcomb of Morris Brothers, Inc., today made public an analysis of the affairs of the bond house which he took over a month ago when it was thrown into bankruptcy. His statement indicated that creditors will receive anywhere from 54 to 96 cents on the dollar. The statement showed that if all assets are counted without any contingencies they would total \$2,168,990.81, and liabilities would total \$2,868,113.34, leaving a deficit of \$709,022.53.

SCHWAB BREAKS DOWN ON THE WITNESS STAND

U. S. Steel Magnate Unable to Restrain Emotions When Called to Refute Charges—Trusts Morse Will Correct Statement Made.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Tears came to the eyes of Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate, when he reappeared late today before the Walsh committee investigating shipping board affairs to give further testimony regarding his \$260,000 expense voucher which, it has been alleged, was charged to the government.

In a choking voice he told the committee of a meeting he had had with Percy Morse, head of the auditing firm claiming to have found the voucher, after Mr. Morse had testified regarding the discovery, and Mr. Schwab had denied receiving anything from the government.

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LYD GEORGE AND BRIAND NEAR BREAK

British and French Premiers Unable to Agree Regarding Germany—Former Considers French Demands Too Drastic—If Enforced Bolshevism Will Result.

LEAGUE IS REJECTED AS A REMEDY

PARIS, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.) An unsuccessful attempt was made at today's session of the allied supreme council here to turn the critical and complicated Austrian financial problem over to the League of Nations.

The allied conferees heard allied financial experts who had attended the Brussels financial conference but no Austrian experts were called in.

Discussion of the question revealed that the opinions of the various delegations were so divergent that a proposal was made to place the matter in the hands of the League of Nations. It was rejected.

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Propose a Bill in Legislature, Close Movies on Sunday

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—Control of motion picture houses operating in Oregon thru enactment of certain regulatory laws is planned by members of the present legislature. The first of the proposed laws appeared in the house today, introduced by Representative Hurd of Clatsop county.

One of the bills prohibits the sale of tickets by any theater, motion picture house or other place of amusement when a seat cannot be furnished to the purchaser. The other bars the entrance of girls under 16 years of age and boys under 18 years of age to any theater wherein any production or presentation of homicide, taking of human life, train robbery, holdups or the commission of any felony is shown.

VISCOUNT KATO ATTACKS JAPAN FOR MILITARISM

Leader of Opposition Denounces Japanese Policy in Siberia—Large Forces and Evasive Tactics Arouse Suspicion of Eastern World.

TOKIO, Jan. 24.—(By Associated Press.) If Japan had withdrawn her troops from Siberia when the United States did she would not have been open to the charge that her ambitions are militaristic, declared Viscount Kato, leader of the opposition in the diet today attacking the government's Siberian policy.

When Premier Hara declared his belief that the maintenance of troops in Siberia was necessary to Japan's national defense, Viscount Kato said that the premier's explanation was not at all satisfactory.

Viscount Kato said that when America proposed joint action in Siberia he had hoped that Japan would determine the strength of her force after taking the powers into her confidence, but instead of living up to the international agreement she had despatched the disproportionately large number of 45,000 men, creating a misapprehension abroad as to Japan's aims.

Likewise, in 1919, continued Viscount Kato, the Japanese troops in Siberia had been reinforced on the ground that such action was imperative to the maintenance of peace, the safeguarding of Japan against Korean outlaws and the prevention of bolshevik predominance.

"When America withdrew," he declared, "Japan should have followed suit if she really desired to respect the spirit of joint action and really had in view at the time it was decided to send an expeditionary force, and facilitation of the Czechoslovak withdrawal. The withdrawal virtually deprived Japan of justification for the further maintenance of troops in Siberia."

Viscount Kato asked why, if Japan had stationed troops at Khabarovsk and Chita for the maintenance of political stability, as had been explained, she withdrew from these points at a time when the political conditions were equally menacing.

"Everything," he said, "points to the conclusion that the stationing of troops in Siberia had nothing to do with political conditions."

He pointed out that a majority of the Japanese citizens in Vladivostok were engaged in military work, occasioned by the presence of troops and declared the army, therefore, was not there for the purpose of protecting Japanese nationals. Complete evacuation, he said, would mean that Japan would not be left open to the accusation that she was harboring militaristic ambitions.

ALAMEDA IS SELECTED AS FLEET BASE

San Francisco Bay Gets Biggest Plum in History of Pacific Coast—Expenditure of \$25,000,000 Is First Item—San Diego Aviation Base and San Pedro Sub Base.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.) Alameda, on the San Francisco bay, is understood to have been selected by the joint congressional committee as the site for the main naval fleet base on the Pacific coast. San Diego is the committee's choice for the principal aviation base and San Pedro for the submarine base.

Establishment of another aviation base on the north coast at San Point, Wash., also will be recommended. The committee's recommendations are expected to be announced formally later this week.

Expenditure of \$25,000,000 for the Alameda base is proposed, but the question of future appropriations is not within the jurisdiction of the committee.

Its recommendations regarding site locations, made after personal visits last summer to the west coast and in conference with naval officials, are to be presented to congress for action in case appropriations should be authorized.

MEMORIAL FOR FROST CONTROL PASSES HOUSE

SALEM, Jan. 24.—The first matter of purely local concern to Jackson county on which the present legislature has taken action, was the passage by the house at the session Monday afternoon of a memorial to the department of agriculture, introduced by Representative Sheldon and Carter, requesting that the weather bureau service heretofore maintained each spring during the critical frost period, be continued.

It is feared that the promotion of Mr. Floyd Young in the service and his transfer to a position in charge of a Nebraska station may be taken as an excuse to stop this service.

Representative Sheldon has written the Chamber of Commerce, Fruit Growers' league and other local bodies asking that they promptly wire the Oregon delegation in congress, apprising them of this danger, and urging that they use their influence with the weather bureau to have the frost-warning service maintained as heretofore.

While in Portland last Saturday, Mr. Sheldon made inquiry regarding the situation and got a rather decided impression that unless prompt action was taken, the valley would lose this service. He learned that there is a man in the San Francisco office named Reed, who is particularly well qualified to carry on this work. In all probability, the bureau will be asked to send him to the Rogue River valley.

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—Patrolman Neil McMillan, the third victim of gun fights here Friday night between police officers and John Schmitt, alleged bandit, died here late yesterday afternoon. Police Detective James O'Brien was instantly killed when he engaged in a battle with Schmitt, and Patrolman William T. Angie died Saturday night as the result of wounds inflicted by Schmitt half an hour before O'Brien was slain.

Alleged Shadow Is Arrested in Seattle, Ignorant of Crime

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—Denial that he was in any way connected with "Shadow" who recently sent threatening letters to Portland, Ore., business men, was reiterated today by George Billings, alias Joe Brady, arrested yesterday on a Portland warrant charging larceny, they said.

According to police, Billings was undecided this morning whether he would resist extradition to Oregon. He said he was without funds with which to fight the case against him. His wife is living at Monroe, Wash., he is said to have declared, adding that he came here from Portland about ten days ago in search of work.

ATHENS GA. IS NEARLY WIPED OUT BY BLAZE

Property Valued at \$4,000,000 Destroyed in Night Blaze—Gasoline Explosions Spread Flames—Million Dollar Fire New Haven.

ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 25.—A large part of Athens' downtown business district was a mass of smoldering ruins today and it was estimated that the fire which early today swept clean three entire city blocks and damaged adjoining buildings had destroyed property valued at least at \$4,000,000. No loss of life was reported.

The fire, of undetermined origin, broke out shortly before midnight and it was five hours later before the combined efforts of firemen from this and nearby cities succeeded in controlling it. At its height the fire appeared as if it would wipe out the entire downtown section and it was then that calls for outside assistance were sent.

Rapid spread of the blaze was said to have been due to the explosion of gasoline drums in a building occupied by a motor company. This scattered the flames beyond control and the fire spread down the east side of Wall street, south to Broad, virtually destroying every building in its path.

The flames then leaped across to the west side of Wall street, where a dry goods store covering nearly a block was destroyed.

Hundreds of persons struggled to save their property from buildings threatened by the flames and the streets adjoining the fire area were jammed with wagons, trucks and even wheelbarrows loaded with merchandise and furniture.

Adding to the confusion and difficulties was a weakened water pressure but this soon was overcome. Finally the firemen managed to check the flames and hold them to the buildings already virtually destroyed. It was daylight before the conflagration was safely under control.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 25.—Fire which destroyed the building of Mendel and Freedman, a department store, and spread to several adjoining structures early today did damage estimated at \$1,900,000. The fire was controlled after three hours hard work by firemen in zero temperature.

Man o' War Shipped. LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 25.—Man o' War, world champion race horse, will be shipped from Riddle farm at Berlin, Md., today and will arrive here probably tomorrow night. Sam L. Riddle, owner of the champion, announced here.

SENATE BILL WOULD KILL CO. CLAIMS

Senator Thomas Introduces Measure to Cancel County's Claims Against Sheriff Terrell and County Clerk Florey Anent Bank Failure—Sheldon's Road Bill Offered.

SENATOR THOMAS GETS LETTER FROM HOME

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—When not engaged in writing legislation for the Oregon statute books, Senator C. M. Thomas of Jackson county puts in a reasonable amount of time writing letters to the wife and babies at home.

Perhaps the senator became a little negligent in his correspondence. Anyway, he has received this missive, signed by "Mamma", "Charles", "Ralph" and "Ben". "Dear Dad—If you should cease of us to think, our hearts would shrink and shrink."

The words of the second line are interspersed with red ink pictures of some hearts, beginning with a big one and shrinking to a very small one at the end of the line. Then follows this: "If you should think of us we know our hearts would grow and grow and grow."

With the last line is punctuated with some more hearts, beginning with a small one and ending with a very big one.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—Senator Thomas introduced a bill yesterday providing that the county court of Jackson county cancel the county's claims against the sheriff and county clerk on account of county money which was held in the Bank of Jacksonville at the time of failure of that institution.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—Senator Ryan's bill to repeal that portion of the county high school tuition fund law whereby the first ten students in high schools or entire high schools of ten or fewer pupils are maintained entirely at county expense has been passed by the senate. The senate also passed Senator Bell's bill prohibiting the printing offices of the journalistic departments at the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college from doing a commercial business and the Strayer bill giving sheep herders a preferred lien on sheep for their wages.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—Senator Hara has introduced a bill whereby inmates of the state penitentiary will be accorded a time deduction of ten days monthly for good behavior after the first year of sentence. During the first year, the allowance will be five days a month as at present. The object of the bill is to make it an object for good behavior.

"AFTER THE MONEY! NOT ON YOUR LIFE" SAYS JESS, "I AM AFTER JACK DEMPSEY!" NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Beaming with smiles that radiated the confidence he expressed in his ability to "come back" Jess Willard, one time heavyweight boxing champion, began search today for training quarters for his prospective match here with Jack Dempsey March 17.

The tall Kansan, who now tips the scales at 240 pounds, arrived last night and conferred with Tex Rickard, the promoter. He said he had been in light training for several weeks.