

The Weather

Maximum yesterday.....56
Minimum yesterday.....46

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year. Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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LEGISLATE CUPPER OUT OF OFFICE

House Investigation Committee Prepares Bill to Oust State Engineer—Sheldon and Two Other Members Refuse to Vote—Attitude Toward the Drainage Bonds Cause.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—With three members of the house irrigation committee withholding their support the two other members of the committee today introduced a bill in the house of representatives to legislate Percy A. Cupper out of his office as state engineer.

Although there are but five members on the committee and Representatives Sheldon, Overturf and Carsner have reserved endorsement of the bill pending further investigation, Pat Gallagher, chairman of the committee and Representative Burdick introduced the bill as a majority report of the committee.

The bill provides for five years actual experience in construction work which members say will make Cupper ineligible.

The motive back of the proposed legislation is declared by members to be a fear that Cupper will not report favorably on several million dollars in bond issues for drainage districts now pending in eastern Oregon.

G. P. Doctor Honored SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—Following a heated contest the state board of health at its meeting here today elected Dr. F. D. Stricker of Grants Pass as secretary to succeed Dr. David N. Roberg, resigned.

Dr. Stricker has been a resident of Grants Pass for more than 15 years and saw service as a captain in the medical corps during the war. Previous to entering the army he had served several terms as health officer of Josephine county.

Moody's name was withdrawn when Dr. W. B. Morse, Salem, objected to a proposed arrangement suggested by Moody's friends that he be made a member of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural college so the combined salaries would amount to \$10,000 a year.

Dr. J. C. Smith of Portland made a fight against Dr. Stricker.

CUT RIVER HARBOR BILL BY \$41,864,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A rivers and harbors bill carrying a lump sum of \$15,250,000 or \$41,864,000 less than the estimates, was reported today to the house by the appropriations committee.

The committee's report said an unexpended balance of \$47,149,006 for rivers and harbors was on hand last December 1.

The committee said it was deemed advisable to make a lump sum appropriation and to authorize the allotment to such works as might be most desirable.

Sugar Hits Cellar. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Raw sugar was quoted at four cents a pound in the market here today, the lowest price recorded in more than two years.

FARMERS AND LABORERS ORGANIZE TO SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS 6 BILLIONS A YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Organization of the People's Reconstruction league, described as a non-partisan union of farmer and labor organizations, to carry out a program of economic justice which will save American workers six billion dollars a year, was announced at headquarters of the league here today.

Rates on Coal From Ore. Mines Lowered by Inter-State C. C.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The inter-state commerce commission ruled today that rates of coal from the Empress mine in Oregon to Portland were unduly prejudicial to mines in active competition with the Empress company and ordered lower rates put into effect.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Portland, Astoria and Pacific Railroad company was authorized today by the inter-state commerce commission to take over a short line in Multnomah and Washington counties, Oregon, abandoned by the United Railways company.

The Portland, Astoria and Pacific is to use the line to tap certain timber tracts and is to pay the United company \$45,000 a year rental.

DE VALERA NOW IN FRANCE, SEES NO HOPE FOR PEACE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Eamonn De Valera, Irish republican leader, whose arrival in Ire and from the United States was announced December 31, has been four "somewhere in France" by a correspondent of the newspaper Oeuvre.

He left America because at a time when the English seek by an implacable policy of terrorism to frighten our people and weaken our moral force, it is the manifest duty of the chief of the Irish nation to be among his compatriots.

"The Irish republican parliament will examine all peace proposals from England, but unfortunately, it is too clear, Premier Lloyd George's statements leave us no illusions. Neither the unionist minority nor the republican majority will agree to a dominion government."

In conclusion, DeValera denied there was any division between the parties in Ireland, adding "the pretended division was only a British story. We all want Ireland free and independent."

BIG CROWD CHEERS CHAMP'S SHOWING

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—A big crowd cheered Jack Dempsey's boxing in a six-round exhibition with Terry Keller of Ogden last night. Keller made a game fight, but the champion outclassed him.

Frank Farmer, Tacoma, won a ten-round decision over Bob Devere, Chicago. Manager Kearns said he was negotiating with the Portland boxing commission and Milwaukee commission for a ten-round fight for Dempsey in April either in Portland or Milwaukee.

BRITISH LABOR MAY TRY DIRECT ACTION

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The question of direct action by British labor in connection with the unemployment situation was brought to the fore today at the national conference of the labor party and the Trade Union congress here.

If the government failed to accept the proposals of labor, the question of direct action would be discussed and a decision reached February 23, it was announced.

and L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors of America, members of the executive committee.

The league announced that it stood for government operation of the railroads, payment of the war costs by "taxing privilege instead of poverty," changes in the nation's banking and credit system which "will make it the servant, instead of the master of the people," and "strict control" of natural resources.

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CIVIL RIGHTS TO JAPANESE GUARANTEED

Details of New Treaty With Japan Announced From Sacramento—Jap Immigration to Stop, but Japs Lawfully in United States Are to Be Protected.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 27.—An amendment to the existing commercial treaty between this country and Japan which will grant Japanese lawfully in this country equal civil rights with the nationals of any other nation, except as to citizenship and naturalization, is a feature of the preliminary agreement of Ambassadors Shidehara of Japan and Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Japan, says a special dispatch from Washington, D. C., to the Sacramento Bee.

An amendment to the existing gentlemen's agreement between the two countries to make it conform to present day requirements and to that end would absolutely prohibit Japanese immigration to America and the Hawaiian Islands, while admitting them to the Philippine Islands also has been agreed upon, the dispatch says.

The amendment, it is said, according to the dispatch, would nullify the California alien land ownership legislation, inasmuch as it affects Japanese nationals in California, but it has been pointed out that California would have a remedy in the enactment of a law forbidding the purchase of land by any aliens.

Remove Discrimination Such legislation, the dispatch says, would remove the discrimination against Japanese, which it is asserted, is what the Japanese government objects to in the legislation.

Under the existing gentlemen's agreement, Japanese nationals in the United States are allowed to bring to this country all their dependents including wives, fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, but the proposed agreement would prevent such dependents from entering in the future, and only Japanese merchants, professional men, students and like categories would be admitted.

Ambassador Morris, the dispatch declares, proposed the revision of the gentlemen's agreement which was accepted by Ambassador Shidehara, the latter proposing that the existing commercial treaty be amended so as to guarantee to Japanese lawfully in the United States, the enjoyment of civil rights equally with other aliens in this country.

Citizens would be barred from holding title to land for the use or benefit of aliens ineligible to citizenship and such aliens could not acquire title by inheritance, under the terms of the bill.

The measure further provides that eligible aliens who now hold land, and who remain alien for seven years shall automatically forfeit title to the state. Ineligible aliens who have acquired vested rights in property would be given ten years in which to dispose of their holdings.

Aliens who have acquired property in accordance with existing treaties between the United States and foreign nations of which the aliens are citizens would be protected by reason of the treaty relationship.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—Ownership or leasing of land in the state of Washington by aliens ineligible to citizenship would be prohibited under the provisions of a bill introduced in the state house of representatives today. It was referred to the committee on federal relations and immigration and later is expected to go to the judiciary committee.

LORD MAYOR OF CORK DROPS OUT OF SIGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who came to the United States as a stowaway and whose status was that of a seaman awaiting a chance to re-ship from some American port, has dropped out of sight.

His last public appearance was Tuesday when he addressed the executive committee of the American committee for relief in Ireland here.

Doors Yakima Trust Company Closed by Order Bank Examiner

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—The Central Bank and Trust company was today ordered closed by the state bank examiner. The order has just been posted on the door and says the bank has ceased doing business "pending examination." Sikko Barghoom of Spokane, who has been here for some days, has controlling stock. The order comes as a great surprise and so far there has been no sign of a "run" on the institution.

The bank is not a member of the federal reserve nor of the bank guaranty. It has never been a member of the Yakima clearing house association.

JAPAN ENTERS OBJECTION TO U. S. WIRELESS

Nippon to Protest Against Construction of Wireless Station at Shanghai, China with U. S. Capital—Disarmament Called Dream.

TOKIO, Jan. 26.—Japan will enter a protest against the construction with American capital of a large branch at Tien Tsin, Che-Pu and Harbin, says the local newspaper, Nichi Nichi. This action will be based on the claim that the work would infringe upon concessions granted Japan authorizing this country to build wireless plants in the interior of China.

TOKIO, Jan. 27.—A majority of the members of the opposition are opposed to a proposal of Y. Ozaki, that a resolution be introduced in the diet calling upon Japan to approach other world powers relative to restriction of armaments, said the conservative organ, Jiji Shimpo, because they regard it as idealistic and impracticable. The existing international situation, in the opinion of this newspaper, renders assurance of permanent peace difficult, it being pointed out that America's refusal to join the League of Nations makes this fact quite evident.

"Japan has grave responsibilities in maintaining peace in the Far East," the newspaper declares, "and must complete and amplify her national defense. The 'naval holiday' idea held in the United States and Great Britain is not based upon motives which guarantee future peace, but upon curtailment of growing armament expenditures. It is questionable, therefore, whether M. Ozaki's proposition is feasible at present."

AUTO SWINDLER IS EXTRADITED

SACRAMENTO, 3:00 p. m. (Special)—Governor Stephens today signed extradition warrants for the return to Medford of Arnold R. Carol, held at Napa. Carol is charged with issuing worthless checks, is alleged to have gained possession of an automobile valued at more than \$2,000 and is said to have won confidence of a Medford school teacher and swindled her out of a considerable sum.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STATE

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—F. S. Doernbecher, prominent furniture manufacturer, died here today.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—Plans were announced here for a "prune week" in February to stimulate a movement for selling a large quantity of prunes reported in growers hands. Governor Olcott is said to have endorsed the project.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—After a spirited debate the senate yesterday by definite postponement killed the bill introduced by Senators Bell and Vinton to increase the pay of circuit court jurors from \$3 to \$4 a day.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 26.—Adhesion to the third (Moscow) international has been rejected by the Swiss socialists.

GR. BRITAIN WANTS DEBT POSTPONED

Lord Chalmers Intrusted With Mission to Obtain Delay in Payment of British Debt to United States Until 1936 and 1947—Ambassador Geddes to Report on Matter

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Lord Chalmers, permanent secretary of the British treasury, whose visit to the United States has been deferred for a short time, will be entrusted with a mission to obtain a postponement of the payment of the British debt to the United States until 1936 and 1947, says Pertinax, political editor of the Echo de Paris. He declares Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, who has arrived here, came to report to Premier Lloyd George on the matter.

Sir Auckland has arranged to return to the United States on the liner Aquitania, which leaves Southampton February 15, said the Daily Mail.

Uncle Sam Is Rich WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Acting Treasurer Allen announced today that a total of \$13,833,819,226.35, two-thirds in cash and securities was found in the treasury as a result of the count necessitated by the resignation of John Burke as treasurer.

This total is about \$10,000,000,000 greater than usual and is accounted for by approximately that amount of notes deposited by foreign governments for war loans.

The actual cash on hand at the time of the count was \$97,410,283.02. The last previous count in 1913 showed a grand total of \$1,426,422,951.48, two-thirds of which the total cash amounted to \$1,199,231,911.90.

The present count showed \$4,726,533.11 in gold coin, \$45,790,579 in standard silver dollars compared with gold coin of \$2,572,220.78 and standard silver dollars totalling \$156,893,689 in 1913.

No Agreement in Paris PARIS, Jan. 27.—It was understood this morning the British delegation attending the session of the supreme allied council considered it impossible to agree to the French viewpoint regarding German reparations. The morning council meeting was cancelled today in order that David Lloyd George, British prime minister, might talk privately with the members of the council.

Louis Loucheur, French minister for liberated regions, conferred with Lloyd George, continuing a private discussion they began last evening. France was understood to stand firmly on the provision of the treaty of Versailles, which place the whole subject of German war indemnities in the hands of the allied reparations commission. Great Britain, on the other hand, adhered to the agreement reached last year at Bologna, by which it was stipulated Germany should pay annually an average of six billion marks. It was understood Belgium supported the British viewpoint.

Recommendations by allied military experts relative to the disarmament of Germany were also to be considered by the council today. Recognition of Latvia and Estonia, two Baltic states formed out of parts of the former Russian empire, has been decided upon, but action regarding Lithuania and Georgia has been deferred for the time being. The action of the council regarding Latvia and Estonia was opposed to the views of the United States as outlined by Secretary of State Colby.

BABIES DIE RESULT OF CAPTAIN'S ORDERS

MANILA, Jan. 27.—Women with babies in arms leaped overboard and were drowned or dashed to death against the rocks on orders of the captain of the wrecked schooner Estelidad at the mouth of the Agno river according to statements of one of the rescued passengers. Official investigation was ordered into the conduct of the captain and crew following the loss of thirty six lives in the wreck, mostly women and children.

The captain ordered all hands overboard when the schooner grounded and appeared to be breaking to pieces, according to the survivors' accounts. Among the fourteen survivors were the captain and four of the crew.

Robbers Open Jail to Hold Disturbers While Looting Bank

WASHOUGAL, Wash., Jan. 27.—An unsuccessful attempt to blow the safe of the Clarke County bank at Washougal was made early today by five men who later fired seventeen shots at Leonard and Lloyd Greenman, who gave pursuit to prevent theft of a delivery truck of the Greenman store, which the robbers attempted to use in their flight.

The time-lock dial was blown from the door of the bank vault, but before the inner door could be forced the men became frightened and left the building.

Officers reported the robbers had broken the jail open before attacking the bank with the apparent intention of locking up anyone who opposed them. A man the robbers found on the street was picked up by them and put in a cell.

U. S. PROPERTY IN GERMANY GIVEN BACK TO OWNERS

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—American property in Germany which was taken under control by the German custodian of enemy property after the United States entered the war, has been unconditionally released, said Dr. Haniel Von Haimhausen, under secretary for foreign affairs, today. Final settlement with the American owners, however, is impossible, until the United States ratifies the Versailles treaty or a new pact is negotiated.

In cases where American factories were placed under German control, he said, their staffs were permitted to remain. Out of 186 of such factories and corporations taken over, Germany received only 26,000,000 marks out of their administration. The German custodian of American funds has been instructed to provide Americans with funds for their maintenance, pending ultimate settlement.

The under secretary cited the case of the International Harvester company, the vice president of which, he said, had recently thanked the German foreign office personally for the "efficient and generous manner in which the custodian had handled the company's German interests during the war," as an example of the care with which American property was safeguarded.

JACK KEARNS WILL HANDLE B. HERMAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, announced today that he had signed Babe Herman, Sacramento, as one of his boxers. Kearns, who saw Herman win a six-round decision at Milwaukee last night, said he considered Herman one of the best bantam boxers he had ever seen. He said he would leave Herman here for a couple of bouts under local management and would then take him to New York.

Cancel Wage Reduction.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The United States railway labor board here ordered rescinded notices of wage reductions on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad which were to have been effective February 1. The board stated that railroad companies must present petitions before the board for any reduction in employees' wages.

WIFE OF LOS ANGELES BANKER KIDNAPPED, NOW HELD IN MOUNTAINS FOR RANSOM

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Gladys Witherell, wife of O. S. Witherell, president of a loan and investment company, who disappeared from her home here Tuesday night, has been kidnaped and is being held for ransom, according to communications received by relatives today and believed bona fide by the police.

It was said also an appeal had been received indirectly from her, begging for help. The communication from the alleged kidnapers was said to contain a threat against Mrs. Witherell's life should the demand be made public. The police said they believed she was being held at some spot in the

LOUIS BEAN GOES AFTER TIMBER RING

Speaker of House Leaves Chair Raise Alarm Against Timber Trust—Declares Wealthy Corporations Trying to Squeeze Out Weak.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—That wealthy corporations are attempting to obtain vast tracts and freeze out small sawmill operators by trying to buy the timber from the government was the subject of a sensational charge leveled in the house late yesterday by Speaker Bean, who left the chair to go to the floor and tell his story.

The Weyerhaeuser, Pillsbury, Siletz Timber company and Porter brothers were alleged by the speaker to be reaching out to exchange a poor quality of privately owned land for some of the finest timber land in the old Oregon and California land grant. Speaker Bean offered a joint memorial to congress and the memorial was railroaded through the house without delay.

Speaker Bean said he had unearthed facts while in Washington last December and alleged the corporations are taking advantage of the reversion law.

Under the act of congress of June 6, 1916, congress may revert titles in the Oregon and California land grant in the federal government, the land embracing 2,000,000 acres in Oregon. Provision was made that the federal government dispose of the lands and the proceeds be divided between state and federal government.

Later the secretary of the Interior was authorized to change privately owned lands for grant lands of approximately the same value. Under this amendment, said the speaker, many applications for exchange have been made to procure the best timber lands within the grant and offering as an exchange widely separated, inaccessible and unmarketable private holdings.

R. R. OPERATORS START WAGE REDUCTIONS

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Members of the labor committee of the Association of Railway Executives are on their way to Chicago for a meeting here Friday to discuss the possibility of wage reductions for employees on the leading railway systems of the country.

The railroad executives, it said, are ready to submit to the federal railroad wage board their figures to show that a reduction in wages is the only remaining place for a reduction in expenses.

RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD GIVES AID TO HOOVER

CLEVELAND, Jan. 27.—Engine and train crews to move fifty million bushels of wheat to be donated by western farmers were today offered by the chief executives of the big railroad brotherhoods, without charge for the men's labor to Herbert Hoover in charge of relieving starvation among the hungry millions of Europe and China.

Mrs. Witherell, who is 23 years old, was said by neighbors to have received a call at her Hollywood home early Tuesday night from a man who told her there had been an automobile accident nearby and that one of the victims was calling for her.

She asked neighbors to care for her 18-month-old baby while she was away and departed with the man. That was the last seen of her. Her husband offered a reward of \$500 for any information as to her whereabouts. He said he knew of no enemies who would seek revenge thru kidnaping his wife.