

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 45
Minimum today 36
Precipitation 03

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Fair.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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BOMB ATTEMPT ON ABERDEEN LEGION FAILS

26 Sticks of Dynamite With Lighted Fuse Found by Legion Building Holding 50 Members—Montesano Outrage Is Recalled.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 3.—After an all-night search, police today again took up the trail of the bomber, who attempted last night to blow up the American Legion building here. The attempt was frustrated only by the timely passing of Henry Lancaster, a legionnaire, whose curiosity, when he saw a man crouching near the building, led him to investigate with the result that he discovered a smoking fuse attached to 26 sticks of dynamite. Fifty legion men were in the building at the time, most of them making out applications for the state bonus. Lancaster was able to furnish the police a good description of the man. Every avenue of escape from the city was closed at once, all trains and boats have been watched and it is believed the man is still in hiding here. The paper in which the dynamite was wrapped, however, is believed to provide the best clue to the bomber's identity. It was a copy of a Montesano weekly publication and addressed to S. Tagaya, Japanese section foreman at South Montesano. Tagaya was taken into custody and questioned for four hours by the police and sheriff Elmer Gibson, but was released at the end of that time, the authorities coming to the conclusion that neither Tagaya nor any of his crew had anything to do with the bombing attempt. Lancaster was unable to identify Tagaya or any of his crew. Two other suspects were arrested by the police as they were attempting to board the blind baggage of a train for Seattle. One of them had a quantity of fuses and the other a small bottle of explosive. Neither is believed, however, to have had anything to do with the attack, though they are being held in connection with the attempt to blow a safe at Cosmopolis, early yesterday morning. Officials are still working on the theory that the bombing attempt on the legion building has a connection with the Armistice day murders at Centralia and the subsequent trial of the alleged murderers at Montesano.

CHILE'S PRESIDENT VISITS U. S. FLEET

VALPARAISO, Chile, Feb. 3.—President Alessandri of Chile visited Admiral Rodman, commander of the United States Pacific fleet, on board the flagship New Mexico today. Later the president and the ministers of war and marine viewed a parade of 4000 sailors. Valparaiso was crowded with officers, marines and sailors and the North American and Chile committees carried out a program of dances, excursions to points of interest, and rifle shooting contests. Twenty-five Chilean professors went on board various ships of the fleet to lecture on Chile, while members of the Valparaiso Medical society heard a lecture on naval sanitation on board the hospital ship Mercy. Admiral Rodman and his staff also attended a reception given by the diplomatic corps.

ABOLISH TOWELS AND WATER IN BOXING RING

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 3.—Discovery of a combination in which three boxing promoters are involved was announced today by the Toledo boxing commission and details of a plan to break it up were made public. One of the promoters was a former member of the commission who resigned recently. The use of towels has been abolished fans being used instead. The throwing of water on a boxer as he returns to his corner also is forbidden. At a recent bout two members of the commission were showered during the wetting down process.

Reduce Gas Again. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey today announced an additional reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline in New Jersey, making the wholesale price 26 1/2 c. The price in Louisiana was reduced two cents a gallon, making the wholesale price 25 1/2 c.

President Wilson Vetoes Game Bill, Milk Valley Club

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson vetoed today a bill authorizing patenting of 77 acres of public lands in Montana for game preserve purposes by the Milk River Valley Gun club. "In my opinion," the president said in his message, "the legislation proposed is not in the public interest." The president added that he was informed that the land in question was used by game birds as breeding grounds and he suggested that it be made a "federal bird reservation," instead.

LEGION WILLING TO FIGHT NOW IF NECESSARY

Drastic Resolutions Announced by Local Committee—Better Break Relations With Japan Than Allow Nullification of Anti-Alien Law.

The all-absorbing topic in Medford is the campaign started at the American Legion meeting Tuesday night to frustrate the reported plan to colonize California Japanese in the Rogue River valley. Already the legion campaign against Japanese leasing land or owning land in Oregon has been endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, which acted yesterday noon, and the Medford-Ashland Typographical Union and the local Woodmen of the World camp, which acted last night and adopted ringing resolutions on the subject. It was reported that five Japs arrived in the city this morning, who had negotiations pending for the proposed lease of a valley orchard near Medford. As a part of its campaign the American Legion post will have published in The Mail Tribune daily the names of all persons who lease their orchards or farms to Japanese. The committee consisting of Howard A. Hill, Judge E. E. Kelley and Gus Newbury appointed at the legion meeting Tuesday night to draw up resolutions to congress, announced today these resolutions, which are drastic in nature. After calling attention to the treaty pending at present in the U. S. senate between this country and Japan, the terms of which seemingly would render null and void the legislation and alien land laws adopted in Pacific coast states, the resolutions close as follows: "Whereas, we believe that any settlement of this question unfavorable to the rights of American citizens would only complicate matters and lead to trouble eventually; and "Whereas, from our knowledge of the Japanese and from the close-up of the situation that we have had, we believe that a show-down is inevitable; and "Whereas, if the saving of America for Americans would strain the diplomatic relations or jeopardize the peace existing between the governments of the United States and Japan."

"Be it unanimously resolved by Medford Post No. 15, American Legion, Medford Oregon, that these relations be broken at once, and the question settled by force of arms if necessary, for once and for all time to come."

1400 LOCAL DOGS HAVEN'T LICENSES

Dogowners of the city and county are still hushful about paying their dog tax, but 200 have overcome their timidity and remitted, according to County Clerk Chauncey Flory. Last year there were 1400 dog owners in the county, and there is no evidence that the population has decreased. The county clerk expects a rush from the country canine possessors as soon as the news gets around that the law was put on the statute books for purposes other than ornamental. The sheriff's office has gathered in a number of dogs without licenses, and the campaign will continue until all are accounted for.

WAR PROBE IS CONDEMNED BY ARMY OFFICER

"What the Hell Did We Go in for,—to Steal Money?" Charles G. Dawes, Former Head Army Supply Shouts at Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Turning sharply upon house investigating committees as a whole, Charles G. Dawes, former head of the army supply procurement service in France, told one of them today that the value of their work had been rendered useless through injection of partisan politics. "I bitterly resent this effort to reflect upon the entire army because some poor devil blundered in Switzerland," he shouted. "You cannot put a blotch on the army. What the hell did we go in for,—to steal money? It was not a republican or a democratic war. It was an American war and yet as a rule these committees try to bring in partisan politics. "You could use your time investigating to a better advantage right here trying to save disgraceful government waste. You could save more money for the people. But as to France, you haven't got evidence to make a case if one existed and I don't believe it does. "I am not here to make charges that would blacken the name of a soldier who cannot come in to be heard." Asked about grafters who followed the American army to France, General Dawes said: "Yes, there were some of the most despicable characters on earth, trying to help the army by selling it things it needed at exorbitant figures. There was one man we caught and deported. What's his name? Oh, what's the use? I am not a muck-raker. He was a traitor and I wish we could have shot him." There were many women at the hearing, but it did not faze the general who swore constantly. "Long after this committee is dead and gone, the achievements of the American army will stand as an everlasting blaze of glory," he declared. "You have tried to make a mountain out of a molehill, but thank God the army was American, not republican, nor democratic."

ANTI-PUNCH BOARD MEASURE IS PASSED IN LOWER CHAMBER

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—The Oregon house of representatives today unanimously passed Representative Belknap's bill to prohibit alien and disloyal persons from teaching in the public schools, state university, state agricultural college and state normal college. A bill banning punch boards was passed. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—The senate today passed bills providing for the organization of loggoff lands into improvement districts; making it unlawful to allow the growth of Scotch firs; increasing salary of Multnomah county school superintendent from \$2500 to \$2600; county treasurer from \$2500 to \$2600; auditor from \$3000 to \$3800; authorizing the secretary of the state to increase the salary of the superintendent of the capital building and grounds; enabling the governor to fix the salary of the warden of the state penitentiary; enabling the governor to fix the salary of the state parole officer.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—By adoption of a measure reported by the senate today put out of further consideration by the legislature Senator Eberhard's bill to make every county a judicial district and also his bill to transfer probate business from the county to the circuit court. The former measure would have increased the number of circuit judges in the state to 14, allowing two for Marion county and eight for Multnomah county. The bills providing for the marking of boundaries of unenclosed lands was killed by indefinite postponement.

11 FEET OF SNOW AT CRATER LAKE

The depth of snow at Crater Lake rim is 11 feet, and at Anna Spring camp five miles lower down, is 10 feet, according to word received this morning by Alex Sparrow from Ranger Brown, who is stationed at the lake this winter. The depth is five feet more than last year at this time and indicates a later opening of the season than usual. The American Legion warns the public to beware of two men giving the names of Benson and Stewart soliciting subscriptions for a magazine named "Over Here Review." The method of soliciting is questionable and the men are wanted for beating a board bill in Marshfield.

Allies Preparing for Offensive by Soviets in Spring

PARIS, Feb. 3.—(By Associated Press.) President Pilsudski of Poland, with a large number of high Polish officials and their secretaries arrived in Paris today to discuss with prominent French officials, a possible bolshevik offensive against Poland in the early spring, and other subjects. "The most disturbing factor of Poland's plight is the impression that has gone abroad in the world that she is imperialistic," said Prince Sapieha, Polish foreign minister, after his arrival, "and the next is the problem of finding enough food for her starving people. The government is most concerned in combatting the idea that Poland has ambitions for further territorial gains."

COURTMARTIAL LORD DUNSANY IRELAND'S POET

Famous Playwright and Poet to Be Tried for Having Firearms in Possession—Motor Lorries Blown Up by Mines—Many Killed.

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HARDING FAVORS TRAINING 150,000 MEN ANNUALLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President-elect Harding favors enactment of legislation to provide for voluntary military training of 150,000 men annually, Chairman Kahn of the house military committee announced yesterday to the house in launching his fight to prevent reduction of the regular army below 175,000 men. Chairman Kahn declared that the president-elect had told him at Marion, Ohio, recently that he favored an army of 175,000 men, but that he hoped that "some day" it could be cut to 150,000. "Reduction of the army to 150,000 men as provided in the army appropriation bill may be possible a year hence," said Mr. Kahn, "but is not advisable to take such a step at this time. The United States hasn't a friend among the nations of the earth. Serious problems confront the American people and it would be a mistake to authorize further reduction of the army until conditions become more stable." Discussing the president-elect's suggestion of voluntary training for 150,000 men a year, Mr. Kahn said he did not think it would be possible to get that many men to training camps, but he declared congress should give an opportunity for the plan to be tried out. "IF YOU FIND PESSIMIST, KILL HIM," SAYS BISHOP

Daily Record of the Crime Wave

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 3.—Alexander Holmes, bricklayer, 69, was stabbed to death at his home here today when he resisted robbers who called upon him to deliver his money. Holmes staggered to a neighbor's house, furnished a description of his assailants and died. MITCHELL, S. D., Feb. 3.—R. Stapleton, assistant cashier of the Corona, S. D., State bank, was shot and killed this morning by robbers who escaped with a considerable amount of money, according to a report received here by L. J. Welch, secretary of the South Dakota Bankers' association. RITZVILLE, Wash., Feb. 3.—Negotiable notes worth \$10,000, Liberty bonds owned by employees, and other securities to a total value of \$15,000 to \$18,000 were stolen by burglars who cracked the safe in the office of the Miers-Shepley department store here last night. It was discovered today. No arrests have been made. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 3.—"If you find a pessimist anywhere outside this hall kill him for me," Bishop James Atkins said here today at a conference of the educational commission, Methodist Episcopal church, south. "A pessimist is worse than a Hun," he continued. "Hard times is the cry of a coward." The conference is planning a \$35,000,000 educational fund drive.

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U. S. Congress May Investigate Graft Charge by Bergdoll

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Possibility of a congressional investigation of the escape to Germany of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy draft dodger, was revived today when the house military committee instructed Chairman Kahn to confer with District Attorney McEvoy of Philadelphia, regarding the case. A resolution proposing an inquiry is before the committee. Chairman Kahn announced he not only wanted an investigation of the escape but favored a "most thorough and sweeping" investigation of the allegation, reported to have been made by Bergdoll in Germany, that he had been offered his freedom if he would "come across to some American army officers with a bribe of \$100,000."

K. OF P. LODGE DONATES \$112 RELIEF FUND

Mush and Milk Banquet Nets Approximately \$100—Medford Responding Generously to Appeal, But Much More Will Be Needed. This was the first day of the time set for the European Relief campaign and the treasurer, H. O. Frohbach, reports some very satisfactory contributions, however far insufficient to cover the quota assigned for Medford. The campaign ends Saturday of this week and as no soliciting will be done, it will be up to each individual in the community to send in their check for an amount which they believe they can afford to spend in order that the starving children of central Europe be given a chance for their life. The Hoover Mush and Milk banquet last evening at the Medford hotel netted practically \$100 and the members of the Knights of Pythias lodge have contributed the sum of \$112. Those who intend to help in this fund should not delay sending in their check. Help these poor children, who through no fault of their own, have had this unfortunate condition thrust upon them. Mayor Gates presided at the affair and opened the program with a characteristic address and appeal for relief for the starving children. Then followed a splendid entertainment program, which comprised selections by the high school glee club, music by Mrs. Childers and Mrs. Melde Hills, a violin solo by Carlton James with Frances Montgomery as accompanist, selections by the Premier Novelty orchestra and dainty song and dance numbers by Misses Rowan Gale and June Warnack. The domestic science class of the high school served the banquet.

EPIDEMIC 'PARIS FLU' SPREADING IN CITY

A number of Medford people are suffering from an attack of "Paris flu," an ailment so called because it was first located in that city, and its chief characteristic is hiccoughing, accompanied by the usual aches and pains of a regular cold. The hiccoughing is very debilitating, and leaves the victim in a weakened condition for a day or two after recovery. It is generally in a mild form, and seems to be prevalent chiefly among grown people. It is said by medical men to be an exaggerated form of whooping cough. Among the local folks who have been afflicted is Edison Marshall, the author. Negotiations Denied. Carl J. Bronner, whose ranch it was stated in yesterday's paper had been negotiated for by Japanese, denies this statement and declares that no offer has been received from Japanese and he would not consider such a proposition under any circumstances. The information came from a source this paper considered perfectly reliable and further investigation suggests that while Mr. Bronner was unaware of the fact, the negotiations were duly made through a third party. LONDON, Feb. 3.—The condition of Prince Kropotkin, Russian author and revolutionary leader, who recently was erroneously reported to have died in Moscow, must be considered serious, says a wireless dispatch from Moscow today. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

AD. GEN. WHITE URGES ARMORY FOR MEDFORD

National Guard Commander Also Presents New Program With \$170,552 Appropriation—Carter Favors Tourist Bureau for State.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, appeared before the joint ways and means committee last night in behalf of the National Guard and presented the new program of activities under the national defense act, the guard is asking for \$170,552. The adjutant general also recommended appropriations for armories at Medford, McMinnville and Independence, which would be built under the law, whereby the state, counties and the cities in which the armories are located collaborate in the result. He also recommended \$15,000 to complete the Marshfield armory. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—Seven senate bills embodying the port program for the Port of Portland, which passed the senate Monday have been referred to the house judiciary committee by Speaker Bean. Form Tourist Bureau. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—Before the ways and means committee of the legislature last night was launched a move for the organization of a state tourist bureau. Members of the ways and means committee were responsive to the appeal and some of them added remarks on the value, based upon their own observation, of attracting tourists to Oregon. Two proposals were presented by H. B. VanDuser of Portland. One is a state organization to operate in connection with the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, the other is a state bureau to operate in connection with the Oregon Produce exhibit in Portland. E. V. Carter of Ashland told the committee that tourist travel in southern Oregon last summer was estimated at 200 or 300 per cent greater than ever before, but that the estimate was too low.

TIGER CREW MAY RACE CALIFORNIA

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 3.—A race between the crew of the Princeton and the University of California is considered likely although no definite arrangements have been made. Arnold Wood, undergraduate manager of the Tiger crew, said today. About two weeks ago the Princeton authorities received a letter from Franklin B. Morse, former Tiger football player who is now a San Francisco sport writer, asking if Princeton would consider a challenge. Reply was made that arrangements might be made if California beat Washington and if the graduate board of control here was willing. This board has not passed upon the regular schedule. If an agreement is reached, it is considered likely that the contest will be held on Lako Carnegie the first week in June over a two-mile course.

FALLS 16 STORIES, FINGER IS SPRAINED

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Nathan Cohen structural iron worker, who plunged from the top of a new sixteen story building in Broadway yesterday, reported for work this morning. His fall was broken by a heavy canvas debris receptacle, stretched from the fifth tier. His little finger was sprained.