

The Weather

Maximum 45
Minimum 37
Precipitation 18

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain

Daily—Fifteenth Year. Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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WAR ALARM IN ENGLAND IS DENIED

British Foreign Office Much Exercised by United Press Report That British Officials Declare England and U. S. A. Treading Path to War—Interview Was Confidential.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—By direction of his government, Leslie Craigie, British charge here, called today on Secretary Colby at the state department to formally deny published reports that officials of the British foreign office had told American newspaper correspondents in London that Great Britain and America were treading the path leading to war.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The foreign office today issued a statement declaring to be without foundation reports published in the United States Tuesday to the effect that an official of the foreign office had uttered a warning of the increasing seriousness of Anglo-American relations. The statement said:

The statement on Anglo-American relations quoted in the English press this morning as having appeared in the American press was made without the authority or knowledge of the foreign office, and does not in any way represent the views of the foreign office upon the present or future state of relations between the two countries.

On the contrary, the foreign office is confident that any question arising between Great Britain and the United States can and will be settled without difficulty, whether with the existing or succeeding administration. The reports to which the British foreign office now gives formal denial were not carried by the Associated Press. They were contained in a dispatch circulated by the United News. The dispatch stated that the British foreign office had summoned American correspondents to Whitehall where, through one having an important place in Anglo-American affairs, a warning was uttered that "we are treading the path leading to war."

WANT SODA WATER TAXES REPEALED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Ground hog promises of a pleasant spring and goose bone predictions of a rather torrid summer, have started a flood of petitions to congress to repeal the war time tax on the poor man's drink.

One day, back in 1919 when the temperature was hitting it up around the hundred mark, the house voted to remove the one cent tax on soda water and ice cream, but nothing ever happened after that. The measure was sent to the senate and apparently put in cold storage.

NEGRO, SHERIFF FORGOT TO HANG, IS LEGALLY DEAD, BUT EATS REGULARLY

BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 9.—Lonnie Eaton, the man the sheriff forgot to hang, may be dead legally. Attorney General Coco frankly admitted today he did not know; but reports from Ouachita parish prison where Lonnie has been taking, legally or illegally, his regular three meals a day ever since his execution day, February 4, do not indicate that his appetite has suffered.

President Tacoma Bank Is Arrested for Embezzlement

TACOMA, Feb. 9.—Ole Larson, former president of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank, which failed on January 15, was arrested today on a warrant charging embezzlement of \$60,000. The arrest was made at the Seattle home of Mr. Larson by Deputy Sheriff Tom Discend, assisted by two Seattle detectives. The prisoner was immediately brought here and taken to the court house where he conferred with his attorney and officials. Judge W. D. Askern set bail in the case at \$100,000, the largest amount ever demanded of a prisoner in this county. Mr. Larson, through his attorney, said he would endeavor to raise the bail to evade spending the night in the county jail.

PACK LEGION WITH HEELERS U. S. BUREAUS

Legion Hospital Chairman Charges Government Bureaus in Charge of Soldier Relief Put Employees on Legion Committees.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Charges that government bureaus having to do with soldiers' relief are "packing the committees of the American Legion with bureau employees who are members of the legion," were made before the legion's executive committee here today by Abel Davis of Chicago, chairman of the hospitalization committee.

"As a result the work of the legion in soldier relief matters is being greatly handicapped," said Mr. Davis, who added that at the Cleveland convention, "the bureaus lied us to a frazzle in all matters relating to veterans' relief and the legion wondered how it was done." Former service men are being kept in private hospitals that are "indescribably filthy and in which conditions are terrible," Colonel Davis declared. That after the men were placed in such hospitals they were left without visits or inspections by representatives of the public health service. He read a report of a survey of a hospital in Illinois made by legion representatives. This said that white and negro patients slept in the same room; that the pharmacy containing narcotics and drugs of all sorts was left unlocked and that when asked if female patients used the same bathroom as the males, the doctor in charge stated that "the women only remained about two weeks at a time and did not take any baths."

Speaking on the proposed consolidation of the bureaus of vocational education, war risk insurance and a part of the public health service, Mr. Davis declared:

"Heads of the bureaus do not get along together, nor do they co-operate for the best interests of the service men. Statements which they have made to us repeatedly, have no truth in them. They spend the greater part of their time getting up records, in other words, preparing their alibis beforehand."

After hearing Mr. Davis the executive recommended to the state divisions of the legion that they refrain from appointing government bureau employees on their committees.

ITALY LEADING THE WORLD IN ARMED POWER

Secy. Baker Gives Congress Information on International Army Strength — France Leads in Standing Army—Japan Forces Increased.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—France has the greatest standing army in the world, according to information sent to congress today by Secretary Baker, but counting its active and reserve forces Italy is the world's leading military power.

France's regular military force is 732,000 consisting of conscripted French and colonial troops, and in addition it has 1,560,000 men enrolled in the reserves. Italy's regular forces number 350,000, but its reserve consists of 4,277,000 men, including 3,000,000 mobile militia of the first line, 1,000,000 territorial militia as second line reserves and 114,000 carabinieri and royal guardsmen.

Japan's military forces, according to the secretary's figures, comprise 1,918,000 men, including a regular army of 273,000, a first reserve of 532,000, a second reserve of 667,000, a national army consisting of men between 37 and 40 years, of 246,000, and 200,000 men enrolled for replacements.

Great Britain's army of white troops totals 295,000, the report said, with 130,000 additional native and colonial troops, plus 233,000 men in the territorial armies.

Italy's army expenditures for the current fiscal year were placed at 1,812,000,000 lire; France's at 4,237,000,000 francs; Great Britain's at 190,155,000 pounds and Japan's at 210,000,000 yen.

Regarding the strength of the Japanese army next year, Mr. Baker said: "It is known on good authority that it is in excess of that for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1921."

The German army, the report continued, was 150,000 men, allowed until January 1, 1921, under the Versailles treaty.

CRUDE OIL DROPS TO HALF PRICE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 9.—Crude Oil produced in the great mid-continent fields of Kansas and Oklahoma, today dropped to one-half the price quoted sixteen days ago.

Announcement of a 25 per cent cut by the Prairie Oil and Gas company and the Sinclair Oil and Gas company, brought the price down to \$1.75 a barrel compared with \$3.50 a barrel January 24.

Restricted demand recently for fuel oil and other petroleum products and an over abundant production is the reason given for the precipitate decline in prices for the crude product. Operations in the oil fields of the southwest generally have been curtailed within the last month and sharp price reductions have been made.

Pipe line companies for some time have curtailed acceptance of crude oil from 50 to 70 per cent. The remainder is being stored.

DEMPSEY STARTS WORK FOR CARPENTIER BATTLE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, announced here today that tomorrow he would begin preliminary training for his July fight with Georges Carpentier, European champion.

He said he would lease quarters here and while working on a motion picture would also do light training for his coming match. This will include road work and boxing with Terry Kellar, veteran heavyweight, whom he has engaged as sparring partner.

Harding Is Too Good to Eat

DIXON, Ill., Feb. 9.—President-elect Harding has declining with regret and expressions of gratefulness for her offer of "The Flame of the Bronze," champion turkey at the recent national poultry show in Chicago, for his first Thanksgiving dinner in the White House. Mr. Harding expressed reluctance to "make food out of so valuable a bird while we are preaching simplicity and thrift as one of the necessary remedies to effect an American cure."

Florida Alligator, With 6-Foot Smile to Be W. House Pet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A Florida alligator with a six foot smile, more or less, is to succeed as White House pet former President Taft's famous cow, Pauline, the pony that rode in an elevator in President Roosevelt's administration, and more recently, President Wilson's flock of lawn mowing sheep. Senator Trammell carried word to White House of floors today that President-elect Harding had already accepted a "fair sized gator" from Henry M. Bennett of Jacksonville.

REVISION STATE AUTO TAX LAW IS PROGRESSING

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—A series of conferences held between members of the house roads and highways commission, Secretary of State Koser, representatives of the automobile men of the state, Senator Dennis and a number of the house leaders who are giving special attention to whipping into shape a road program for the session, has resulted in a tentative understanding that a bill will be drafted at once revising the automobile license law and introducing two material changes.

The first will be the substitution for the present horse-power basis of classification for licensing for one based on combining the weight and initial purchase. This plan, worked out in detail by Mr. Dennis, is demonstrated, many house members state, to be far more equitable than the prevailing plan.

The other change will be a recognition of the depreciation of cars with age and a rebate from the nominal license fees on the older cars. This change is one for which Representative Sheldon has contended strongly ever since the session convened.

The plan for a further tax on gasoline will result, according to present talk, in a doubling of the present tax of one cent, but not more. The real students of this license problem would like to put more of the tax on gasoline, as a more equitable measure of a car's use of the highways, but lawyers brought into consultation on the problem have advised going slow on this feature of the law.

CARPENTIER HOLDS FOR A HIGH PURSE WITH MORAN

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Terms for a fight between Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, and Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, who is now in Paris, to be held in Paris, have been accepted by the latter. Promoter Moth, it is said, is meeting with some difficulty in obtaining Carpentier's signature, owing to the high terms insisted upon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Charles B. Cochran, English boxing promoter, has not withdrawn as a joint promoter of the proposed Dempsey-Carpentier championship match, Dan McKetric, former promoter here announced today.

McKetric said he received a cable message yesterday in which Cochran said he would stand by his agreement if the other promoters lived up to their contract.

Daily Record of the Crime Wave

SPOKANE, Feb. 9.—Elmer Harding, aged 30, today shot and killed his brother, Carl Harding, 28, and probably fatally wounded his wife, Mrs. Elmer Harding, and then killed himself this afternoon in a room of a local hotel to which he had traced them.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 9.—Oscar Blanney, alias Frank Rogers and Henry Evans, alias O. R. Parsons, charged with highway robbery and attempted burglary, have confessed, according to the police today that with Thomas Burns, and Walter Smith, they planned to rob a store here Monday night. They stated, the police said, that they came here two weeks ago from Seattle.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—All places of worship in Brooklyn, "the city of churches," were placed under special police guard at midnight. The clergy complained to police that valuable relics and equipment had been taken recently from churches and poor boxes in others robbed.

HOUSE REFUSES TO KILL LABOR BILL O' RIGHTS

Hosford Bill Postponed Indefinitely—Senate Passes Bill Increasing Salaries in Lake, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The house indefinitely postponed Representative Hosford's bill to repeal those sections of the Oregon statutes known as "labor's bill of rights." The vote was 21 to 37 with Representatives Kay and Wells absent.

In brief Hosford's bill was aimed at the section of the code that legalizes picketing and prevents courts from enjoining picketing except under certain restrictions.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The senate today passed a house bill introduced by the committee of forestry and conservation, enabling timber land owners to have a hearing if dissatisfied with assessments levied against them by the state board of forestry for expense of patrolling their lands.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—Senator Patterson's bill to consolidate the department of weights and measures with the state food and dairy commission was defeated by the senate today in amended form. The amendment would have made the bill effective in 1923 instead of immediately.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—Amended so that the Multnomah law library board cannot collect fees from attorneys using the library, Senator Hume's bill, increasing the fees of litigants in civil suits for the benefit of the library, passed the senate today.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The senate today passed senate bills increasing salaries of officers in Lake, Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties. The senate passed the Upton bill providing that in rural voting precincts not over 30 voters, the polls shall open at ten o'clock a. m., and continue open until 3 p. m.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The senate this morning accepted an invitation from the house at a meeting in joint session at 2:30 p. m., today to listen to an address by Robert N. Stanfield, United States senator-elect.

BOOZE COUNTERFEITERS DEALING IN DEATH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Arrest of five men in Philadelphia in a raid upon a printing shop where alleged counterfeit internal revenue liquor stamps were being produced was announced here today by Chief Moran of the secret service. Chief Moran said about 100,000 scrip stamps, as well as liquor labels were seized.

Recent raids by secret service agents disclosed liquor bearing internal revenue stamps and brand labels so cleverly counterfeited that the bottles could not be told from those regularly withdrawn from bond except upon the closest examination, he said. Analysis of the liquor in some of these bottles, he declared, showed that the contents were adulterated sufficiently to kill.

JACK BRITTON SORRY HE WAS IMPOLITE

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Jack Britton, welterweight boxing champion, today was ordered to appear before the state boxing commission Friday to explain a breach of fistic etiquette he is said to have committed Monday in his fight with Ted (Kid) Lewis.

After protesting against the use by Lewis of a rubber tooth protector, Britton became involved in an impromptu bout with one of the boxer's seconds. Britton today said he was sorry and that he was excited at the time.

House Problem Is Now Solved

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Feb. 9.—Because they found rents too high and keeping house too bothersome, Harvey Cooley, 50, and his brother, Dale, 45, have lived in the open for five years on Lick mountain, near here. While the two brothers were known to live on the mountain it did not generally become known until today that their home consisted of a hole in the ground five feet in diameter and ten inches in depth.

Women's Boycott on Retailers Closes Up Bakers and Butchers

NEW BRUNSWICK, Feb. 9.—Forty butcher and baker shops were closed here today and housewives who for days have boycotted and picketed the places were jubilant. They demanded lower prices for meat and bread but the retailers claim prices cannot be cut until wholesale quotations drop. A mere man, ignorant of the boycott bought two dozen rolls yesterday. On leaving the bakery, women attacked him, flung the rolls into the gutter and pursued the innocent buyer down the street. Other attacks occurred in various parts of the city. Unemployment conditions have embittered many consumers against the retailers, it was said.

ENGLAND JOINS JAP PROTEST U. S. WIRELESS

Chinese Premier Is Seriously Considering Cancellation of Federal Co. Contract in View of British Opposition—Denmark Also Lodges Protest.

PEKING, Feb. 9.—Premier Chun Yun-Peng, under pressure of the British legation here, is seriously considering a proposal to cancel the contract of the American Federal company with the ministry of communications for the construction of a wireless plant in Shanghai. The British allege it violates the government contract with the Matsui company which gives the latter concern a virtual monopoly on wireless construction in China.

Charles R. Crane, American ambassador to China, has suggested that cancellation of the contract with the Federal company be deferred, pending direct negotiations, which it is understood the Washington administration is taking up with the British government. Mr. Crane feels the question is most important, bearing on future American efforts toward direct intercourse with China.

Japan, which lodged a protest in January against the Federal contract on the ground that it infringed rights acquired two years ago by a Japanese company, has made an additional protest, while Denmark also has lodged one, alleging infringement.

The attitude of the Chinese foreign office, as unofficially expressed is that the British and American contracts were executed by different departments of the government with different aims, and hence there is no conflict. With regard to the Japanese contract, it is alleged the Japanese have not fulfilled the terms of the contract and thereby have relieved the ministry of communications from obligations under it.

COMMITTEE FAVORS ANTI-JAP LAW

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—The committee on federal relations and immigration of the state house of representatives today reported the bill prohibiting ownership or use of land by aliens not eligible to citizenship, with the recommendation that it be passed. The bill was referred to the house judiciary committee for further consideration.

Port Bill Passes

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The Port of Portland and the dock consolidation bills, which passed the senate last week, have been passed by the house and are now ready for the governor's signature. With only one dissenting vote the bills were passed by the house late yesterday afternoon, after a few (Continued on Page Six)

COST, STATE CASH BONUS \$8,513,650

Adj. General White Gives Figures for Service Men Cash Bonus — Adjusted Compensation Bill to Be Reported Today — Port Bill Passes House.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—There were delegations present at the hearing today from Roseburg, Medford, Eugene and Ashland. State Commander Gilbert of the American Legion was among the speakers. The latter said the service men are not asking for a gratuity but for a re-adjustment based on justice and equity.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—Figures submitted by Adjutant General George A. White at the hearing on the soldiers bonus bill last night showed that should every service man in the state be paid a cash bonus the amount would be \$8,513,650. The adjusted compensation bill introduced at the instance of the American Legion and other organizations of service men was being considered at a hearing conducted by the joint committee on military affairs.

Colonel White placed the number of service men in the state who would be entitled to a bonus at 34,430. The chairman of the ways and means committees announced that they would report out the bill today and have it referred to the committee on military affairs before coming up for final passage.

19 Measures Law. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—Nineteen measures passed by the legislature, have been enacted into law by the governor's signature. Among them is a house bill by Marsh providing for licensing of nursery men and their agents and a house bill by Kubli, defining criminal syndicalism and sabotage and providing punishment.

Senate bills signed include one by Norblad for preliminary survey for an inter-state bridge across the Columbia river, bills by Dennis relating to circulation of false statements as to standing or reputation of banking institutions, and relating to conviction of minors, and a bill by Patterson creating a state budget commission.

Free Text Books Pass. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The senate, by a vote of 20 to 9 passed late yesterday Senator Banks' bill providing free text books in the elementary schools of the state.

Among bills passed by the house were the following measures: By Hindman, amending section 4550 Oregon laws, relating to establishment of county roads.

By Davey, regulating the sale of oleomargarine, butterine, renovated or processed butter, or other imitation dairy products.

By a joint committee on roads and highways, to provide protection for sub-contractors, material, men and laborers performing labor for the state.

Joint committee on roads and highways, amending section 4597, Oregon laws, relating to highway bonds.

By joint committee on roads and highways, providing for a first assistant highway engineer.

By Wells, repealing chapter 172, general laws of Oregon for 1919 and defining a real estate broker and licensing and regulating same.

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ANOTHER YOUNG WIDOW OF LOS ANGELES KILLS SUITOR AND NEARLY KILLS SELF

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Edith Lundberg, a young widow, was reported in a serious condition here today from gunshot wounds alleged to have been self-inflicted, after, according to the police, she shot and killed her fiancé, Linas F. Worden, an employe of an automobile company last night. "I made up my mind to kill him and I shot to kill him," she said, according to the police, before she was put on the operating table. She said she had been "feeling blue," the officers stated. Mrs. Lundberg, who is 25 years old, had been employed as a stenographer at the county hall of records.

According to the police, her husband died about five years ago. Last night Worden, 25 years old, and Mrs. Lundberg went for an automobile ride. They returned late and sat in the machine for a time. Neighbors said they heard them talking and laughing. A silence followed, broken by the sound of four shots. When neighbors rushed out Worden was dying. Mrs. Lundberg was wounded in the abdomen. Both were rushed to the receiving hospital. Worden died on the way. Surgeons said they had little hope of the woman's recovery, but operated as the only chance.