The Weather
Maximum yesterday 44
Minimum today 32
Precipitation ..... Trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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HUGHES IS DEFINITELY APPOINTED

Former G. O. P. Presidential Candidate Accepts Appointment as Secy. of State in Harding's Cabinet—Pleased With Honor, But Has No Statement to Make.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 19.—Definite announcement was made by President-elect Harding today that Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, republican nominee for the presidency four years ago, had been offered the position of secretary of state in the next administration and had accepted.

The announcement was the first formal confirmation of Mr. Hughes' selection, although it had been understood for some time that he would be given the place. He was in conference with the president-elect here when the selection was made known officially, but he would make no comment beyond an expression of appreciation of the honor conferred upon him.

Mr. Harding, himself, issued no for-

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES

mal statement, but said merely that he had asked Mr. Hughes to come here to offer formally him the state portfolio.

"I am very happy to say," he added, "that he has agreed to accept."

Asked whether he could go into details about the consultation today in regard to diplomatic and state department affairs, Mr. Harding replied:

"You must ask Mr. Hughes. That is going to be another policy of this administration. From the beginning, the secretary of state will speak for the state department."

Mr. Hughes declined to go further than to say "many subjects" had been discussed about which he did not feel at liberty to speak.

"Of course, I appraise it a very high honor," he said, "to be invited by Senator Harding to come into the administration. And I have regarded it as an imperative obligation to accept the offer he has made."

"The incoming executive," said Mr. Harding, after a conference with Representative Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee, "is going to be very anxious for some early tariff legislation of an emergency nature. I think it is imperative, for I don't believe the country

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Oregon Brides Will Now Be Required to Pass Physical Tests

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—A bill requiring women as well as men applying for marriage licenses to be examined as to mental and physical fitness has been enacted by the Oregon legislature. Unfavorable action had been taken on the measure earlier in the session. A law requiring examination of men has been in force in this state.

A bill establishing standard grading and packing rules for apples and pears also was finally passed.

CHARGE LUMBER COMBINE WITH PRICE PLOT

Senate Committee Declares National Lumber Manufacturers Assessing Members for Campaign to Convince Public Prices Wil Not Fall.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Further information regarding alleged activities of the Southern Pine association in maintaining high prices for yellow pine lumber was transmitted by the federal trade commission to Chairman Calder of the senate committee on housing and reconstruction. It is based on investigations made by the commission at the request of the department of justice.

The commission charges that in 1919 the association refused to comply with requests of the federal industrial board to reduce prices, saying concerted action would be a violation of the law.

During the same period, the commission alleges, the fir manufacturers of the Pacific coast "concertedly raised their prices in April, 1919," after the southern pine manufacturers had conducted a campaign to induce them to do so.

"When the market showed signs of weakness last June and the recession from the abnormally high prices began the mills curtailed their production," says the commission.

"That curtailment has continued to the present. It appears that the downward price tendency has already been checked as the supply has been brought below demand, and that prices have again started upward.

"The southern pine manufacturers are prominent in a campaign now being organized to induce the public to believe that prices will not and cannot be further reduced owing to the cost of production.

"This campaign is being conducted under the auspices of the National Lumber Manufacturers association and special assessments have been and are being voted by the various affiliated regional associations, to raise a large fund for the expenses of the campaign."

Now Corn Pome Week.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb.—If a movement being fathered by the Federation of Nebraska Retailers becomes general throughout the country, as is being urged in circular letters, the well-known ultimate consumer will eat corn pone from April 1 until April 7. The retailers' organization recently went on record favoring a movement declaring the first week in April "National Corn Meal Week."

PASSENGER SHIPS MUST SELL HOOCH

Secy. Payne, Former Chairman, Concludes Congressional Investigation With Confirmation of Previous Witness—Found One Bureau of 180 Persons Idle.

BOLLING EXONERATED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The house committee investigating shipping board operations, issued a formal statement today exonerating R. W. Bolling, brother in law of President Wilson, from any wrongdoing as treasurer of the shipping board.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Congressional investigation of the shipping board ended today with the examination of Secretary Payne, a former chairman of the board by the committee. A report on the inquiry which has been continued intermittently for eighteen months, will be submitted to the house before March 4.

The secretary of the interior criticized the provision of the merchant marine act creating a board of seven members.

A single executive, he argued, should be placed in control. The provision directing the president to abolish commercial treaties also was attacked.

Mr. Payne said he was convinced that the government could not successfully operate merchant vessels in competition with private shipping interests and also said American passenger liners could not compete with foreign liners unless permitted to sell intoxicants during voyages.

Secretary Payne said that when he became chairman of the board after the war, the accounts generally were in bad shape, and that none had been kept of the 15,000 voyages made by government-owned ships up to that time. He decided a general shakeup was due, he said, and the general comptroller and treasurer lost their jobs.

"I couldn't find out what one bureau employing 180 persons was doing, so I abolished it," he continued. "Another division was dealt with in the same manner."

Mr. Payne said there was no basis for the charge of Colonel A. H. Abadie, former general comptroller that he had been railroaded out of his position. Colonel Abadie was incompetent and had too many men in his department, the secretary said.

Asked why the accounting of the board had been allowed to get into a tangle, Mr. Payne said "no executive could devote his time to building up enthusiasm and constructing a workable organization at the same time."

"Mr. Hurley (E. N. Hurley of Chicago, former chairman of the board) was the greatest man that could have been picked for the job," said Mr. Payne, "it was his task to create an enthusiasm, to 'sell' shipbuilding to the country as a war measure and he did it."

Charges previously made before the committee that favoritism had been shown by operating officials of the board in allocation of tonnage, division of ports and routes and other operating questions, were denied by the witness who said some of the larger shipping companies were "sore" because they were not given all the tonnage they sought.

Al Howat Challenges Kansas Governor to Coal Digging Contest

PITTSBURG, Kas., Feb. 19.—Alexander M. Howat, replying today to a statement yesterday by Governor Allen in which the state executive said that the president of the Kansas miners union might soon "be doing some useful work for the state in the coal mines at Lansing," challenged the governor to a test of ability to dig coal.

"I'll dig four tons of coal to his one and the one who backs out first must agree to leave the state," said Howat.

"I am getting tired of having Governor Allen go around the state telling the people what a wonderful thing this industrial court is and what a soft job I have and how I sponge off the workmen. Now is his chance to prove I am useless. If he does not accept this challenge he might as well shut up."

LEGISLATURE TO HOLD OVER FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Tuesday Now Set for Day of Adjournment—Many Bills Previously Killed, Are Called Back—Two Local Measures Carried.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The thirty-first legislative session will probably complete its labor Tuesday of next week, according to the most definite information that can be secured here.

At the opening of the session today, the house had 120 bills, resolutions and memorials still to be considered, while the senate had 168, making a total of 288 to be disposed of before the close of the session.

Appropriation bills, prepared by the joint committee on ways and means were introduced this afternoon in the house, and under suspension of the rules advanced to third reading and scheduled for Monday morning.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—A house joint resolution by Representative Sheldon providing for appointment of a joint committee to study the question of guaranteeing bank deposits, was approved by the senate. The committee will report its findings to the legislature two years hence.

Medford Bill Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—Senator Lachmund today introduced a bill to increase the salary of the governor from $5,000 to $7,500 a year. The senate bill allowing cities under 10,000 population to buy property for parks or aviation fields, drawn up in Medford, passed the house today and now goes to the governor.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The senate has adopted the majority report of the committee on roads and highways favoring a bill empowering the state highway commission to acquire rights of way along state highways.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The teachers' tenure bill over which there has been much debate during the session, passed the senate late yesterday. This is the substitute measure recently offered in the house.

SALEM, Ore.—Upon reconsideration by the senate today the Sheldon bill to exempt Oregon road bonds from taxation was passed. It was indefinitely postponed yesterday.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The senate today adopted a joint memorial to congress urging a treaty between the United States and Canada to curb purse seining.

Thomas Bill Passes

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—The house late yesterday passed the Thomas bill cancelling claims against the sheriff and clerk of Jackson county

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BOLSHEVIKI OPEN DRIVE ON PERSIA

Tiflis, Capital of Georga, Is Occupied by Red Army—3 Russian Divisions March to Paris of East From Armenia—Hold City as Base for Advance in Near East.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The republic of Georgia has been virtually overrun by Russian soviet forces who are threatening, if they have not already occupied, the city of Tiflis, capital of the republic, from which the Georgian government has fled. Georgian soviet elements took possession of the capital after the government's departure.

Advices received here indicate that three Russian divisions marched up to the "Paris of the east," from Armenia, while other bolshevik forces crossed the eastern shoulder of the mountain range and invaded Georgia from that quarter. Belief is expressed here that Moscow desires to hold Tiflis as a base from which the soviet government can direct the advance of troops through Persia.

Several Americans are known to have been in Tiflis recently, but it is believed they made their escape to Batum, where the United States destroyers Barker and Whipple are anchored. Advices received here state that members of the Georgian government, who fled, and allied representatives and workers with the Near East relief have arrived there. Among those who were in Tiflis a short time ago were John Randolph and Hooker A. Doolittle, respectively, American consul and vice-consul; Messrs Griffin, Smythe and Pericardis, American trade agents; Rev. and Mrs. Harrison, A. Maynard and four children of Topeka, Kas., and Miss Fergusoe and Messrs. Elmer and Gilan, Near East relief workers. Captain arrow was director of the Near East relief for Trans-Caucasia.

The work of establishing a soviet regime in Georgia is said to have been relatively easy. The advance upon Tiflis was ostensibly caused by a controversy over a neutral zone between Georgia and Armenia. The Russian soviet government ordered its forces forward to assist its ally, Armenia. Experts on the Near Eastern situation declare the Caucasian question is very involved, Turkey claiming both Batum and Baku.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Dispatches received by the French foreign office today state that the city of Tiflis, capital of the Georgian republic, has been evacuated by order of the Georgian government. Several bolshevik divisions with cavalry, are marching upon the city, it is added.

LLOYD GEORGE WINS IN WALES ELECTION

CARDIGAN, Wales, Feb. 19.—Captain Ernest Evans, coalition liberal, who was supported by the prime minister, Lloyd George, has been elected to the house of commons over Llewellyn Williams, independent liberal, in the bye-election held to fill the seat vacated by Matthew Vaughan-Davies, who was elevated to the peerage. The vote as announced today was: Evans 14,111; Williams 10,521.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The whole United Kingdom was waiting eagerly today for the returns from the parliamentary bye-election at Cardigan, Wales, where a battle royal has been waged to determine Mr. Lloyd George's standing in his own stronghold.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT, JR. GETS A NEW RELATION

PITTSBURG, Feb. 19.—Miss Alice R. Robertson, congresswoman from Oklahoma, yesterday at a luncheon at which she was a guest with Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt here, told him that they are blood relations.

Miss Robertson recalled that Colonel Roosevelt on his mother's side was a direct descendant of the famous Jonathon Edwards, and then said on her father's side she was a direct descendant of Jonathon Edwards' sister.

Sinn Feiners Aid In Restriction of U. S. A. Immigration

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 19.—A new scheme which the police believe is intended by the Sinn Fein to prevent young Irishmen from emigrating to America and thus depleting the ranks of the Irish republican army, was inaugurated here last night when large bodies of armed men raided three emigrant boarding houses and seized the tickets and passports of a dozen Irish youths who were ready to sail today. The victims were ordered to return to Ireland immediately.

U. S. FLEET IS NOT PREPARED SAYS ADMIRAL

Rear Admiral Fullam Urges Air Plane and Submarine Development at Once—If War Threatens in Pacific, Immediate Action Needed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The navy is "our first line of defense" and to "keep it weak and feeble," or to reduce appropriations for armament would be "worse than a crime—a blunder—means suicide," Assistant Secretary of the Navy Gordon Woodbury declared today before the national republican club.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The present American fleet is "unorganized and unprepared for war even as a one-plane fleet," Rear Admiral Fullam, retired, former superintendent of the naval academy, told the senate naval committee today.

"It was reprehensible to divide a strong force, but to divide a weak force is worse," he said. "It is not an exaggeration to state that if there is danger of war, the division of the fleet is a peril to the nation.

"If we are to have war in the Pacific in five years, we ought to prepare for it now. The new base at Alameda will not be completed then."

Admiral Fullam said the first thing to do was to consider "a three plane navy—surface ships, beneath-the-surface, and above-the-surface.

"A one-plane navy will not do," said he.

"The navy department utterly neglects the future. It does not have a single long range submarine fit to operate with the fleet. Without an air force our navy cannot exist against a navy with one."

Chairman Hale asked where he got his information.

"It was prepared by one of the best informed naval officers," the admiral replied. "I couldn't swear that all I have said is accurate, nor could I give you his name without first obtaining his permission."

Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, said the committee was entirely agreed that the air and submarine forces should be developed.

"The question is what shall we do with the 1916 program?" the senator said, "we don't want to leave the country undefended. Meanwhile there is nothing but the fleet."

"I want the fleet made ready for war quick," the admiral said.

JOSEPHINE SENATOR IN TRICK PLAY

Senator Thomas' Ire Aroused When Senator Smith of Grants Pass Leaves Chamber During Reapportonment Bill Fight—Betrayed County and Constituents Charged.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—As soon as the senate convened this morning, Senator Smith arose on a question of personal privilege to explain his action of yesterday in voting to re-refer to the special committee the re-apportionment bill and later leaving the senate chamber before the vote on the committee was taken.

He asserted that he had early in the afternoon been approached by a senator, who wanted to know if he would object to the bill being re-referred.

"I replied that I would not object," said Smith. "In fact, I should like to have the bill stay in the committee. My stand has been against the bill because it linked up Josephine with Jackson county and I shall con-

SENATOR C. M. THOMAS
Who Created Sensation in Senate by Fight Against Reapportionment.

tinue to oppose the bill while it is in that form.

"My motives have been impugned by some of the senators and I have been accused of being a double-crosser, especially by Senator Thomas, who is an expert in that line. These statements I refute and assert that I have been sincere."

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—Charges of trickery and the use of parliamentary tactics were made in the senate chamber late yesterday when the report on re-apportionment of the legislative districts came up. The report was adopted and the bill will come up for third reading today. In the midst of the argument Senator Thomas waived a written paper and declared he would insist that it go into the official records, charging Senator Smith of Josephine county with betraying his county.

Senator Smith had been excused before the report came up and Senator Ritner explained that the senator had been excused in the belief that nothing important was in sight for the rest of the afternoon.

"I charge that Senator Smith, in treachery to his own constituents," said Thomas, "asked to be excused for the purpose of permitting the passage of senate bill 345 and betraying his own county and people. I also charge that Senator Smith of Josephine county betrayed Josephine and Jackson

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HARDING DECLINES PLAY GOLF MATCH WITH S. C. POSTMASTER'S JOB AS PRIZE

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 19.—Although President-elect Harding has declined a challenge to a game of golf, with the postmastership at Greenville, S. C., as a stake, Thomas H. Pope, a democrat and the present postmaster, was given a short lease on political life, it was learned today.

Mr. Harding wrote that "I am giving no consideration at this time to any of the district appointments and I take it that Mr. Pope can sit easy for the present and have no worry about his position."

But the president-elect's ultimate action in filling such positions is another matter.

Mr. Harding said he regarded himself as a miserable golf player and was "unwilling to have the administration weakened by basing its attitude on my capacity at golf." He added, however, that he liked the postmaster's sporty inclination," and was willing to accept a match without the stake whenever opportunity offered.

BELIEVE CARUSO OUT OF DANGER

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Enrico Caruso's struggle for life, which began last Tuesday when he suffered a heart attack, apparently has been won. Dr. Antonio Stella, his physician said today.

Caruso "spent a comfortable night and had a good sleep," he said. "It was the best night since his relapse."

AUSTRALIAN ARCHBISHOP DECLARES ENGLAND GUILTY OF HUN TACTICS

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Great Britain's campaign against the Irish republican movement was denounced yesterday by the Right Rev. Patrick Joseph Clune, archbishop of Perth, Australia, upon his return there from Europe, says a dispatch to the London Times. While visiting in Ireland, Archbishop Clune took part in unofficial negotiations looking to the restoration of peace between the British government and leaders of the Sinn Fein.

"I say with regret and reluctance," he is quoted "that every infamy perpetrated by Germany during her occupation of Belgium has been renewed and repeated and in some cases exceeded, in Ireland. I subscribe to every word used by Eamonn DeValera in his recent charges against English forces in Ireland. A blacklist of persons who are to be assassinated is placed in the hands of those in the pay of the crown, which is responsible for the situation. The appalling horrors of this hellish policy have not achieved their object, but have embittered moderate Irishmen."