

The Weather
Maximum yesterday 61
Minimum today 36

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Partly cloudy.

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U. S. OIL INVOLVED IN PANAMA WAR

HOSTILITIES BREAK OUT IN PANAMA

Costa Rican Forces Clash With Panama Troops Near Coto—No Formal Declaration of War Announced—United States Involved by Decision Justice White.

PANAMA, Feb. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—It was learned officially this afternoon that President Belisario Porras has signed a proclamation declaring war against Costa Rica, but is holding it temporarily in abeyance. The president, assured that the entire country is behind him, contemplates taking over dictatorial powers for the defense of the republic, relying on the national assembly to confirm his action.

PANAMA, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hostilities have begun between Panamanian and Costa Rican forces in the vicinity of Coto on the Pacific end of the frontier. It is said in dispatches received here. Official confirmation of these reports, however, is lacking. Formal declaration of war had not been made up until last night.

More than 2,000 men enrolled for military service here yesterday and reports from other parts of the republic told of citizens volunteering for the army. It is believed the Panamanian forces near Coto are on route to that place number about 500. The base of Panamanian operations will be in the town of Progreso, near Golfo de Dulce, which is connected by a narrow gauge railway with a small port constructed by the Panama Sugar company.

It was generally believed the United States government held several thousand rifles for the Panamanian government and it was believed the volunteers would be armed with them. It was learned, however, that some rifles taken over from the Panamanian government following the signing of the Hay-Virilla treaty were returned, and more than 1,500 of the guns were sold at public auction here in 1914.

The White Decision.
An interesting phase of the situation results from Costa Rican occupying territory under the arbitration decision of Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court, which was handed down in 1914, while the United States herself, has, by virtue of treaties, guaranteed the territorial integrity of this country. The Panamanian government claims, however, that Justice White's decision contained a clause to the effect that if his award should not be accepted by both parties, the territorial status would revert to the conditions laid down by the decision of President Loubet of France. It is under the Loubet decision that Panama claims the land which Costa Rica has seized.

It is known the Sinclair oil interests have been conducting drilling operations in the same general locality, where concessions have been granted a British corporation by Costa Rica.

Ask U. S. Rifles.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Immediate return of several thousand rifles seized in 1916 by the American authorities in the Panama canal zone is asked by the government of Panama, which desires to use them in rearmament.

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Valuable Mail Is Stolen in Pittsburg, Mail Clerk Killed

PITTSBURG, Feb. 26.—J. L. McCullough, 28, a government railway mail clerk, was found beaten unconscious at the Pennsylvania railroad station, by fellow employes a few minutes before the train was scheduled to leave union station for Washington, Pa. Two pouches of mail are reported missing. George V. Craighead, postal inspector, said McCullough while at work on registered mail in his car was attacked by bandits who struck him down with a coupling pin. He said the stolen mail probably would run to a high figure. No trace of the robbers has been found. McCullough died in a hospital here this afternoon.

ANTI-JAPANESE MEASURE NOW LAW, ARIZONA

Gov. Campbell Wires Calif. Governor Anti-Land Bill Is Signed—Jap Service Men in U. S. Forces Can't Be Naturalized.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 26.—Governor Stephens today received a telegram from Governor Thomas E. Campbell of Arizona saying he had signed the anti-alien land law this morning. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 26.—Japanese born in this country are not entitled to citizenship despite service in the United States army, according to a ruling today by the district court of appeals here. The case at issue was that of Ichizo Zato, who sought to register as a voter here last fall after he had been admitted to citizenship in Hawaii and who appealed to the courts when the county clerk declined the registration.

The opinion says: "The appellant is not entitled under the general naturalization laws, to the privileges of citizenship, is conclusively shown by section 2169 of the naturalization laws, which reads as follows: 'The provision of this act shall apply to aliens, being free white persons and to aliens of African nativity and to persons of African descent.' 'Members of the Japanese race have never been held to be members of the white race,' the opinion says, 'and still less are they members of the black race. But whatever the true ethnological rule, the question is settled so far as this case is concerned by the express declaration in appellant's certificate of naturalization that he is yellow in color.' The opinion was written by Justice Pruitt, Hart and Burnett, concurring.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 26.—Confirmation of Berlin reports that the concession granted German industrial interests by the Chilean government is held by the Krupp, is given in the Herald of this city. The newspaper says the Krupp will build the largest steel and munitions plant in South America and that construction will begin immediately.

HUNDRED WOMEN FAINT, SCORES INJURED IN PORTLAND BARGAIN SALE STAMPEDE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—More than one hundred women fainted, many were bruised and otherwise injured, an automobile was damaged by women climbing over it, and sixty policemen battled to control a crowd estimated at 8,000 seeking to gain admittance today at the opening of a five-day-and-fifteen-cent store which had advertised among other bargains aluminum tea kettles at 15 cents and ladies' silk hose at 15 cents a pair. Many of the women were cared for at nearby drug stores and were taken to the emergency hospital. Traffic was completely blocked at Broadway and Adler streets, one of the main corners of the business district at eight o'clock. Some of the bargain hunters arrived before day-

EUROPE MAY PAY SERVICE MEN'S BONUS

Cash Bonus Bill Reported Out of Senate Committee—Senator McCumber Is in Charge of Bill—Plans Use of Interest on War Loan to Europe to Finance Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Use of the interest on the \$10,000,000,000 of American war loans to the allies in former service men is one of the financing adjusted compensation for plans under consideration by congress. This was disclosed today when the soldiers' bonus bill was favorably reported by the senate finance committee.

Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, who will have charge of the bill in the senate, explained to the committee that by postponing the effective date of all provisions of the bill until January 1, 1923, the accumulated interest on the foreign loans probably would be sufficient to bear the cost of the compensation. Before reporting the bill the committee eliminated all of the tax provisions as approved by the house and adopted Senator McCumber's suggestion as to the effective date.

Eliminate Tax.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—With the tax provisions eliminated, the soldiers' bonus bill was reported to the senate today by the finance committee. The cash bonus would be payable January 1, 1923.

The question of taxes to meet the cost of the bill was left for the next congress. Aside from striking out the tax provision, the committee made no change in the house bill, retaining the five options of a cash bonus based on length of service, deferred certificates, farm and home aid and vocational training. Senator McCumber, republican, of North Dakota, in charge of the bill, plans to call it up in the senate at the first opportunity, probably next week. Several senators gave notice of their opposition and Senators Gerry, Rhode Island, and Jones, New Mexico, democrats, reserved the right to offer amendments on the floor to have the bill made immediately effective by restoring the taxation provisions. Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, who opposed the bill, expects to file a minority report. One of the amendments added by the committee provides that all claims must be filed by July 1, 1922, six months before any of the provisions go into effect, so that the government may know what proportion of men file for the cash or other options.

SHIP BUILDING OVERDONE, RATE WAR PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A period of intense competition in shipping was foreseen today by the federal reserve board in a survey of world shipping conditions, as a result of over production, the board said, there probably will be for a time an excess of ships above the immediate needs of commerce. Shipping interests are realizing that production of shipping has been in excess of present needs and reports are coming from abroad of cancellation of ship building contracts in several countries, according to the report.

The board declared that the expansion of the ship building industry in Great Britain since the war "seems to have taken hold of the imagination of the other nations of the world." Japan is now in the front rank as a shipbuilder, while Holland is turning out tonnage faster than ever before. France has turned to building ships and Italy, likewise, has added a number of new yards. Much the same condition applies to other nations, it was said, especially the Scandinavian group. "In fact, most of the nations of the world," the board said, "seem to be making extraordinary efforts toward obtaining a definite and larger share in the world's carrying trade. This condition has already been reflected in sweeping cuts in ocean rates in the past few months."

Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., Takes Cousin's Place As Asst. Secy. Navy

TEDDY, JUNIOR



ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 25.—Definite announcement was made by President-elect Harding today that he had selected Edwin Denby of Detroit for secretary of the navy and Theodore Roosevelt, son of the former president, for assistant secretary. Both have accepted.

COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HELD SEPT 14-17

\$20,000 to Be Spent on New Buildings Just South of Medford—Work on Speedway Postponed Until Funds Are Available.

That the Jackson County Fair association will have one of the best involved and up-to-date fair grounds in Oregon was unanimously decided at the annual meeting of the stockholders in Medford Friday night. A committee was authorized to be appointed by President H. L. Walther at once to arrange for the erection of permanent buildings and the methods of securing finances to carry out the project on a scale that will be a credit to the county and will afford suitable buildings, stock sheds, stalls, pens, etc., to properly show the products of this county. It is planned to spend about \$20,000 on the buildings this year. It will hardly be possible to erect the auto speedway and horse track this year, however.

The date of the fair for this fall was fixed for September 14, 15, 16 and 17. This gives a week to prepare the exhibits from the county fair for the state fair, the last week in September, and to be taken to the Chicago land show later on.

The fair tract of 107 acres recently purchased by the county for the fair, adjoining the Atkins tract of 45 acres, makes a total of 152 acres. The fair association has about 50 acres of farm land and buildings of this tract they do not need that will be sold at once by H. L. Walther or E. C. Gaddis, the committee to the highest bidder.

The following directors were elected: George Alfred, Fern Valley; Floyd Charley, Brownboro; D. M. Lowe, Valley View; Fred Hollibaugh, Ashland; M. J. Norris, Coleman creek; H. W. Blacham, Coker Butte; E. C. Hamilton, Central Point; J. E. Mason, Tolo; O. A. Manning, Talent; Wm. Brayton, Jacksonville; G. A. Gardner, Jacksonville; Victor Bursell, Central Point; James Owens, Wellen; T. H. Simpson, Ashland; S. L. Brown, E. C. Gaddis, John H. Carlin, S. Sumpter Smith, H. L. Walther, J. W. Dossier, W. H. Gore, C. E. Gates, Medford; George A. Mansfield, Yreka; and J. C. Pendleton, Table Rock.

It was decided that lots be cast for the one, two and three-year term and that hereafter eight directors will be elected each year. The directors then elected the following officers: H. L. Walther, president; H. O. Frohach, temporary secretary; H. W. Ringham, D. M. Lowe, M. J. Norris, T. H. Simpson, J. E. Mason, Fred Hollibaugh, vice-presidents in the order named; W. H. Gore, treasurer; E. C. Gaddis, auditor. The chair was authorized to appoint committees on finance, architectural plans and premium list, to get busy at once. Plans for arrangement of grounds, buildings, tracks, street, etc., were recently made by Prof. Peck of the U. of O., and are on display at the Chamber of Commerce. The Farm Bureau Stock associations, Fruit Growers' league, county commissioners and people generally are all for the fair under the present permanent basis.

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YOUTHFUL BANDIT IS CAPTURED

Billy Dalton, Who Took \$772,000 in Liberty Bonds, Captured Near Decatur—Passion for Pool Hall Leads to Downfall—Low Salary Paid Is Excuse.

DECATUR, Ill., Feb. 26.—William Dalton, who robbed the Northern Trust company of Chicago of \$772,000 in Liberty bonds Thursday, was captured at Heyworth, 25 miles north of here, according to Jack Draper, constable, for assistant secretary. Both have accepted.

According to the city marshal of Heyworth, Dalton went there with another man in an automobile from Bloomington, Ill. Dalton is held at the Draper home. He was arrested in a pool hall by Draper, who recognized him from photographs in Chicago papers.

Landis Is Quoted
"I read about that Justice Landis said about the Ottawa boy and I thought it fit my case pretty well," said Dalton. "From Naperville I took the bus to Aurora. There I took the electric line to Joliet and went from there to Berwode where I got a Chicago and Alton train for Bloomington."

"When I walked through the depot in Bloomington last night I saw a Phikerton detective looking for me. I walked right by him and said 'hello' but he did not recognize me and I breathed easier after that. "I stayed in Bloomington all night and started to walk out the Illinois Central railroad. You know the rest."

He said he had been working in the bank about a year and was 16 years old last October. Dalton told newspapermen just how easy it was to execute the biggest theft in the history of Chicago banks.

He said he "just picked up the bonds walked across the street to a broker's office and cashed one \$500 bond, receiving \$472.50 in cash and took a train to Naperville, a western suburb." Dalton told Draper that he took the bonds because his salary was too small that he had asked for an increase and it had been refused him. He said he was sorry that he had taken the bonds and said he realized that it "does not pay" to be dishonest.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 26.—William Dalton's fondness for pool led to his capture at Heyworth, Ill., today. The youth who disappeared from the Northern Trust company bank in Chicago Thursday with \$772,000 in Liberty bonds, was recognized by habitues of a pool hall into which he strolled in Heyworth and he was arrested by John Draper, constable of the village.

Reward to Constable
CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—John Draper, the village constable of Heyworth, Ill., who arrested William Dalton, recovering all but \$500 of the \$772,000 in Liberty bonds will receive the reward of \$26,000 if he establishes the fact that he is entitled to it, officials of the bank said this afternoon.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The Northern Trust company from which William Dalton, 17, took \$772,000 in Liberty bonds, will urge the police to release him if he will return the securities, according to word today from W. S. Miller, vice president. "I will help him to straighten out and get settled back in the right road. If he will bring back the bonds at once we will urge the city officials to release him," Mr. Miller said. "We will do all we can to help him."

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Two clues to the flight of William Dalton, 17 year old bank clerk who escaped from the Northern Trust bank yesterday with \$772,000 in Liberty bonds, the largest bank robbery in Chicago's history, were being traced by police today. The youth, who Thursday night drove up to a garage in Waukegan, a northern suburb, and asked to leave his new automobile all night, was identified as Dalton. He drove north the next morning. Previously a youth answering his description had offered Liberty bonds in payment for an automobile at a Chicago sales agency.

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Gov. Olcott Vetoes House Bill No. 206 And Senate Bill 3

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 26.—Announcement that he has vetoed senate bill No. 3 has been made by Governor Olcott. His statement said: "Senate bill No. 3 would deprive the school children of the state of revenues due them through the irrevocable school fund by diverting to other uses money raised from royalties paid to the school fund through the sale of sand and gravel." The bill by Senator Ryan authorized state land board to lease the beds of navigable streams for removal of rock, gravel, etc. Stating that he believed house bill No. 206, which would make it mandatory for county officials of Multnomah county to close their offices at 12 o'clock each Saturday, would work a grave hardship, Gov. Olcott vetoed this bill.

NON-PARTIZANS EXONERATED BY KANSAS REPORT

Committee Returned From North Dakota, Give Townley and Followers Clean Bill of Health, but Methods Are Criticized.

SALINA, Kas., Feb. 26.—While indications were that the committee sent to North Dakota to investigate the Non-Partisan league would not have its report ready for the afternoon mass meeting today, members of the committee said it would contain the following statements in substance: "Loyalty—The state is loyal, including the leaders of the league as well as the rank and file. A. C. Townley is loyal to the government. Socialism—Aside from the state owned industries, which make up the league program, there is no more justification that socialism dominates the league than that it dominates the republican party in Kansas. Free love—The charge of free love has been found to be both false and foolish.

The try out has not reached the point where it can be proved a success or failure. The one big thing is the Bank of North Dakota. Around this bank the battle will rage until either the bank has proved a success or is forced to liquidate. The report, it was further said, will contain some sharp criticism of the league administration.

Canadian ticket agents now demand United States money or Canadian money in exchange for tickets for points in the United States.

Liberty Bonds
NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's 91.08; first 4's 86.94 bid; second 4's 86.56; first 4 1/2's 86.88; second 4 1/2's 86.50; third 4 1/2's 89.88; fourth 4 1/2's 86.60; Victory 3 1/2's 87.46; Victory 4 1/2's 87.40.

GOV. OLCOTT APPOINTS BERT ANDERSON MEMBER OF STATE GAME COMMISSION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 26.—The personnel of the new fish commission for Oregon and the new state game commission, as provided for in the segregation bills which were passed at the recent session of the legislature and which have been signed by Governor Olcott, was announced by the governor late yesterday. Members of the fish commission are: Frank M. Warren, Portland, appointment to June 1, 1925. Christian F. Schmidt, Astoria, appointment to June 1, 1924. Al H. Powers, Powers, Coos county, appointment to June 1, 1923. The state game commission personnel follows: Portland at large—George H. Kelly, Portland, five year term. Game district No. 1 (counties west

WIFE KILLS HERSELF TO FREE HUSBY

Mrs. Ethel Younger of San Francisco Dies That Husband May Escape Jail and Marry Mother of His Child—Unusual Letter Left by Deceased.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Ethel Younger, 29 years old ended her life by inhaling gas today in order, she wrote, to save her husband from the penitentiary by permitting him to marry a 17-year-old girl against whom he is charged with a statutory offense.

William Younger, 27 years old, the husband, is under arrest on the statutory charge, which he denied. He and his wife had been married two years. Mrs. Younger's letter to her husband, reminiscent of the scriptural dictum—"Greater love than this hath no man,—that he lay down his life for a fellow man," said: "Destroy this. Don't let the police see it. Please forgive me for messing up your kitchen and for using so much gas, but you see it had to be done. "I have figured and thought until my brain will not work. It absolutely refuses to do so and this is the conclusion I came to. "Bill, can marry. "With me gone, my Bill can marry the girl and they can have their little baby and he won't have to go to the penitentiary. I simply cannot stand that. I could not have my Billy locked up for five or ten years. He was good to me. He was just as nice as he could be and I loved him so much and he acted the same to me. I have no complaint. He gave me all his money and he was awfully good, so I love him still. This is the only way I can help him. Why I couldn't sleep nights if I thought he was in jail. "Please send my body to the medical college if I sure die and they can do as they see fit. I didn't do anyone any good living, so see if I can dead. "Please write my mother and tell her not to be sorry. I wanted to die. Don't let her bury me. As for Billy, well, I guess there is nothing. I only hope this keeps him out of jail. Tell him to think of me once in a while. "P. S.—If there is any such a thing as coming back, I'll try and communicate with you. Who knows, perhaps I'll talk over Mr. Edison's machine. Try anyway. If the world is am going to be any worse than this, a good night, I'll come back. I'll send you later."

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The appointment came as a complete surprise to Bert Anderson and he was not prepared to say today whether or not he would accept. There is no salary attached to the office. Local sportsmen are anxious for Mr. Anderson to accept as it is felt he would be excellently fitted to see that the best interests of Jackson county are protected, although general regret is expressed that the appointment is not on the fish commission which is more important to southern Oregon.