

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 52
Minimum today 40
Precipitation 10

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain tonight and Thursday.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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ENGLAND AND BOLSHEVIKI SIGN TREATY

GT. BRITAIN SIGNS PACT WITH RUSSIA

Trade Agreement Under Which Business Is Resumed Signed by Both Governments—Trotzky Declares Uprising in Petrograd "Just Talk" to Prevent Agreement.

LONDON, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) The trade agreement under which commercial relations will be resumed by Great Britain and Russia was signed here this morning by representatives of the governments of the two countries.

The agreement is essentially the same as the draft taken to Moscow by Leonid Krassin, soviet minister of trade and commerce in January, the most important terms of which follow: Each party agrees to refrain from hostile action or propaganda outside its borders against the other's institutions or giving assistance or encouragement to any propaganda outside its own borders.

Ships in each other's harbors shall receive the treatment usually accorded foreign merchant ships by commercial nations. A renewal of telegraphic postal facilities, including parcels post, will be arranged.

With regard to Russian gold exported from Russia as payments for imports, the British government does not concede the soviet claim that such gold should be regarded as immune from seizure to pay British claims.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 16.—Fifty thousand men have been gathered at the Russian fortress at Kronstadt, and this number is increasing daily, says a Helsingfors dispatch quoting an American Red Cross worker, just arrived there from Kronstadt.

LONDON, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) Leon Trotzky, Russian soviet war minister, declared in an interview given at Moscow that "all talk of an uprising in Petrograd and a bombardment of the town is silly fiction," says a wireless dispatch from the soviet capital today.

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First Payments to Ex-Service Men Are Made in Washington

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 16.—First warrants covering soldiers' bonus payments were sent out today from the office of the state auditor. Warrant No. 1 went to A. P. Stenger, an Olympia veteran of the world war. The first Tacoma man to be sent his payment was Oscar N. Thomas, who received \$330 for service in France and Germany. The payments will continue until all the 60,000 war veterans of the state have received \$15 for each month actual service from the day war was declared on Germany on April 6, 1917, until one year after the armistice, or November 11, 1919.

HARDING AGREES TO ANTI-DUMPING MEASURE FIRST

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—Priority for tariff or internal tax revision legislation at the special session of congress still was an open question today and probably will be the subject of conferences to be held within the next few days by President Harding with congressional leaders. Prospective fiscal legislation was discussed by Mr. Harding yesterday with Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee and Chairman Forney of the house ways and means committee.

The two chairmen laid before the president the results of the preceding days' meeting of the republican members of their committees with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. Final results of the White House conference were said by the chairmen to have been the obtaining of presidential approval for the proposal to enact as soon as possible after convening of the special session April 11 of anti-dumping and American valuation of imports legislation.

COFFEE FALLS TO NEW LOW LEVEL

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—Under continued pressure of liquidation, due to large receipts from Brazil and the lowest Brazilian exchange rate in over twenty years, the coffee market today broke to a new low level, the lowest since 1908. May contracts sold as low as \$5.15 and July as low as \$5.20, representing declines of 27 to 28 points from last night's close. Spot coffee was selling at six cents for Rio No. 7.

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SAYS STRIKE CERTAIN IN STOCK Y'DS

Leader of Packing House Workers Declares No Doubt of Walk-out and Little Doubt of Strike Becoming General—Balloting Has Already Started.

CHICAGO, Mar. 16.—Representatives of ten national packing plant unions today pledged their support to the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America in case of a strike. Indications were, however, that no organization would strike until after the conference Monday at Washington when representatives of labor and the employers confer with Secretary of Labor Davis.

Union officials said they wished to go before Secretary Davis "with clean hands" and for this reason probably would not order an immediate strike. They held that the war time agreement with the packers was in effect, that the packers had violated it by ordering wage reductions and that they would not violate it by ordering a strike without first taking every means to avert one.

No Injunction Sought. It was definitely decided not to resort to legal proceedings in regard to the wage cut at present. No injunctions will be sought by the laborers but it is believed that at the Washington conference they will urge the government to seek an injunction against the packers on the ground that the government was a party to the war time agreement and that this agreement had been violated by the packers.

The organizations represented at the conference today were: The International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs, the Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance, the International Association of Machinists, the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, the International Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters of the United States and Canada, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Coopers International Union of North America, the Brotherhood of Railroad Car Men of North America and the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America.

CHICAGO, Mar. 16.—While international officers of the unions involved in the packers wage controversy were assembling here for conference today, it was learned that eight independent packing companies have closed down or greatly reduced their forces, throwing nearly 2000 men out of work.

"We want to see how the labor controversy is going to come out," said Patrick Brennan, president of the Independent Packing company, the largest of the eight companies. Heads of some of the other companies declared the present price of live hogs and the low price of the slaughtered product have made operations unprofitable just now.

Before the meeting, Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, the organization which is taking a strike vote, said that unofficial conferences he had held with the heads of other packing plant unions convinced him that they were ready to order a strike but not among their men.

"They cannot, of course, make any official announcement until a decision is made in today's meeting," said Mr. Lane, but I have yet to find a union official who is opposed to the strike. All seem to be convinced that the packers are giving us an unfair deal.

"There is no doubt there will be a strike and little doubt that all the packing plant unions eventually will join it."

Balloting Is On. CHICAGO, Mar. 16.—Balloting in the national referendum strike vote of packing house employees began here today. While members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen were voting or preparing to vote on a strike, ten allied unions having member employees in the packing houses, were confer-

N. W. University Dean Defends Lip Sticks And Skirts to Knee

CHICAGO, Mar. 16.—The fashion extremes adopted by the modern girl should not be judged too harshly said Mary Ross Potter, dean of women at Northwestern university last night at a meeting of ministers' wives. "There is nothing wrong with the girl of today because she uses a lip stick and a little rouge, and a dab of powder," said Dean Potter. "Of course the dress of the girl of today—skirts to knees almost, flimsy stockings, flimsy everything—is not the dress of mother's generation. Nevertheless she is sweet and good and kind at heart. She has an independence that did not belong to her mother's day but such is the spirit of the times. It is the result of the war."

NOW DEMAND A BILLION MARKS BY MARCH 23

ALLIES DECLARE MONEY MUST BE IN FRANCE, ENGLAND OR U. S. A. ON OR BEFORE 23RD OF MONTH—FRENCH FORCES ARE MOVING EAST.

LONDON, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) The house of commons, with the consent of the government, today decided that the German reparations bill, providing for a levy of fifty per cent on the purchase price of imported German goods, shall not come into effect until March 31. The measure passed its second reading in the commons Monday last.

PARIS, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) The allied reparations commission, in its note to Germany demanding fulfillment of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German government it must pay one billion gold marks before March 23, it was announced today.

The money must be deposited in the Bank of France, Bank of England, or the federal reserve bank in the United States, Germany was told.

It must complete the payment of twenty billion gold marks by May 1. The commission gave Germany until April first to submit a proposal to pay the balance of the twenty billion marks otherwise than in cash. Germany may submit a plan for a foreign loan, the proceeds of which shall be payable to the commission.

The commission announced that Germany had virtually refused to pay the balance, asserting the twenty billion marks had been fully paid. Some time ago the commission announced that the allied claims for reparations had been forwarded to Berlin. The exact total of these claims has not been announced, but in usually well informed quarters it is said they probably amount to approximately 550,000,000,000 gold marks, or roughly two and one-half times the figures fixed for indemnities by the Paris conference.

Computation of the total reparations was difficult, chiefly because of the widely fluctuating exchange rates as well as the vast task of checking claims and computing the pre-war values and transforming them into today's figures, on falling markets.

DUISBURG, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) New French forces have arrived here from the occupied area and belief is expressed that their coming may foreshadow the occupation of Mulheim-on-Ruhr, four miles east of here toward Essen.

COBLENZ, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) Principles to be followed in collecting customs in the new tariff zone established east of the Rhine by entente forces have been outlined in a report sent to the allies by the Rhine-land commission. The report also outlines the zone, which would begin at Mulheim, and run along the line of the extreme outposts of the newly occupied territory and of the bridgeheads established by the entente.

General Allen, commander of American forces here, has participated unofficially in discussions of questions relative to the tariff and the limits of the new zone.

CLARA SMITH HAMON TRIAL IS FINISHED

State in Closing Arguments to Jury Does Not Ask for Death Penalty—Leaves Punishment to Jury—Five Hours Allowed for Summing Up—Expect Verdict Thursday.

ARTMORE, March 16.—Attorney General Freeling, this afternoon pointed out in his opening statement he had not referred to a death penalty should Clara Hamon be found guilty, and said he would ask a penalty which the jurors "in their judgment find fit." He said he would not change from that in his argument.

ARDMORE, Okla., Mar. 16.—Introduction of testimony in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon for the alleged murder of Colonel Jake L. Hamon, republican national committeeman from Oklahoma and millionaire oil and railroad man, ended at 10:23 o'clock this morning and court was recessed until 3 p. m. to permit Judge Thomas W. Champion to prepare his instructions to the jury.

Each side was allotted five hours for arguments, and it was said that if the court had prepared his charge by the time court re-convenes they will be gotten under way immediately.

The court will charge the jury on three points: Murder, which, upon conviction, would carry a sentence of death or life imprisonment; first degree manslaughter, the sentence for which upon conviction would be from four years to life imprisonment; and second degree manslaughter, with a minimum fine of \$1.

Attorney General Freeling in charge of the prosecution, said that H. H. Brown, special prosecutor, would make the opening argument and that he would close for the state.

There were numerous reports about the county building this morning of threats made against state counsel and the jurors should a verdict of guilty be returned against Clara Hamon. Sheriff Buck Garrett said, however, that no such reports had reached him with one exception, that of a letter written to a member of the defense counsel in which a warning was given of possible violence to the defendant should she be acquitted.

H. H. Brown, special prosecutor, said threats had been made against him but he would go into details.

W. P. McLean of Fort Worth, Texas, said that the defense had submitted a proposal to the state counsel to permit the case to go to the jury without arguments immediately after the judge reads his charge but that the state had declined.

ARDMORE, Okla., Mar. 16.—Judge Champion, in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon, on trial charged with murder of Colonel Jake L. Hamon, today ruled inadmissible as evidence a number of letters Hamon had written to the defendant. The defense had an exception noted and formally rested.

The state began presentation of its rebuttal testimony by introducing Sam Blair, a newspaper man who obtained an interview with Clara Hamon at Chihuahua City, Mexico.

He said he saw Clara Hamon first on the night of December 18, 1920 and saw her twice later. Asked regarding any statement the defendant may have made regarding a will left by Hamon, Blair testified Clara said she believed there was a will and that it was being kept hidden until after she could be tried.

S. P. Freeling, state attorney general in charge of the prosecution, offered as part of the trial record, a copy of a newspaper containing Blair's report.

The defense objected and was sustained. Irwin C. Daniels, a Denison, Texas, chauffeur, said he had driven Clara from Denison to Dallas and that on the trip he had seen a pistol in the defendant's handbag.

Today seemed quiet and drab after the startling developments of yesterday which piled on in rapid succession.

Miss Rose Cannon, a nurse at the

Small Amounts of Liquor in House No Cause for Arrest

SEATTLE, March 16.—Persons found with a small amount of liquor in their possession, "for refreshment purposes," will not be prosecuted in the federal court, Robert C. Saunders, United States district attorney, announced today. Such cases would have to be prosecuted under the state law, Mr. Saunders said. "Where great quantities of liquor are seized," Mr. Saunders added, "and where there is evidence that persons hold liquor for the purpose of sale I will prosecute the violators under the Volstead law."

EX-GOVERNOR OF UTAH SLATED FOR U. S. LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—Former Governor William Spry of Utah, is understood to have been virtually decided on by President Harding for appointment as commissioner of the general land office. Governor Spry has been endorsed for the post by Senator Smoot, republican of Utah, and by a number of other western members of congress. As assistant commissioner, the president is understood to have under consideration R. C. Taylor of Boise, Idaho.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—Fred E. Scobey of San Antonio, Texas, is understood to have been selected by President Harding as director of the mint.

Raymond T. Baker, present director of the mint has not resigned and he said today he had no intention of resigning. He was appointed by President Wilson for a term expiring March 22, 1922. Mr. Scobey is a personal friend of President Harding and was host to Mr. Harding when he visited Point Isabel, Texas, after the elections last fall.

'SHADOW' BOBS UP IN LOS ANGELES

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16.—A finger print on a thermos bottle left by the alleged blackmailer "Shadow" when police pursued him last January will be compared with finger prints of Herbert L. Johnstone, under arrest in Los Angeles on a charge of threatening a merchant of Olympia, Wash., said police here today.

The methods in the Olympia case resembled those of "The Shadow," who threatened prominent residents of Portland. Chief of Detectives John Clark said the printing of the "Shadow" notes resembled that of the notes sent at Olympia. Police said they would ask to examine Johnstone here when officers take him to Olympia.

ALLEGED MOTHER OF SON MURDERS HIS DOUBLE FOR \$24,000 LIFE INSURANCE

WARSAW, Ind., Mar. 16.—Developments at a coroner's inquest last night and investigations by detectives in the case of the youth found fatally injured on a railroad crossing near here Saturday, resulted in the arrests of Mrs. Lydia Decker, and her son, Virgil. The body was identified as that of Leroy Lovett of Elkhart, Ind., and a verdict that Lovett had been murdered by an unknown person was returned. Mrs. Decker's arrest followed her repudiation of her identification of the body which she and others of her family had maintained was that of her son Virgil. She admitted the body was that of Lovett, whom she said she

4 INDICTED IN MORRIS B'K FAILURE

Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge, Fred Morris and Secy. F. B. Pratt Charged by Grand Jury—Etheridge Implicated in All Indictments and Morris On Two.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16.—Four indictments charging misappropriation of a total of \$255,000, were served today on persons figuring in the collapse of the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc. Those accused by the grand jury were: John L. Etheridge, former president of the wrecked bond house; Mrs. Stella Etheridge, his wife; Fred S. Morris, founder of the concern; Forbes B. Pratt, secretary.

All the charges read "larceny by embezzlement." Etheridge is implicated in each of the four indictments, Morris is named in two of them and Mrs. Etheridge and Pratt in one each.

One indictment charges Etheridge and Morris with embezzlement of \$100,000 which was placed on deposit at a Forest Grove, Ore., bank and immediately turned over to Morris indirectly by means of payment to Miss Henrietta Morris, sister of Fred Morris.

Etheridge, Morris and Pratt were indicted in a second true bill charging they engineered a deal whereby \$25,000 in stock of the Rogue River Water company, the property of Morris Brothers, Inc., was turned over to Miss Morris in February 1919 for \$1.

A third indictment against Etheridge concerns alleged duplication of assets.

Etheridge and Mrs. Etheridge were accused of embezzlement of an additional \$100,000 in bonds. These bonds, the grand jury asserts, Etheridge took from the assets of the firm, placing \$25,000 of them in a safety deposit box here and \$75,000 in a box at Tacoma.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16.—Indictment of John L. Etheridge for embezzlement of \$100,000 in bonds from the firm of Morris Brothers, Inc., bond house was included in four secret true bills returned yesterday by the Multnomah county grand jury after investigations continuing since the jury was impaneled for the December 1920 term.

Inasmuch as Etheridge is under bond of \$20,000 furnished when bound over to the grand jury, publication of the fact of his indictment was permitted by the authorities.

HARVEY ACCEPTABLE TO GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Mar. 16.—(By Associated Press.) The British government today gave formal approval to the appointment of Colonel George Harvey as United States ambassador to Great Britain to succeed John W. Davis.

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