

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 66
Minimum today 31

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1921

Predictions

Fair. Heavy frost Thursday morning.

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COUP D'ETAT BY EMPEROR CARL FAILS

Former Emperor, Austria Hungary Travels to Budapest Incognito and Demands the Throne - Admiral Horthy Refuses - Effort to Secure Aid of Army Also Fails.

BUDAPEST, Mar. 30.—(By Associated Press.) Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary made his visit to Budapest Monday with the idea of taking possession of the Hungarian throne, but was unable to induce the Hungarian government to fall in with his plan, it has been learned from unofficial but excellent sources here.

Official confirmation of the fact of the ex-ruler's visit was supplied today and numerous details have developed from various quarters. The former ruler, it appears, came to Budapest, accompanied by two friends. He arrived at the palace in the afternoon



Ex-Emperor Charles

and invited Admiral Horthy, the regent, to turn over the reins of government to him.

Horthy Refuses
The regent, however, after setting forth constitutional and political objections, refused the plea and induced the ex-monarch to promise to return to Switzerland.

Charles is reported now to be at Steinmanger in West Hungary near the Austrian frontier, at which place he stopped on his way from Switzerland before coming to Budapest. He was accompanied on his return journey from Budapest by Premier Teleky and he halted at Steinmanger on the pretext of indisposition, believing, it was said, that he might yet win over the troops stationed there.

Army Head Refuses
Charles on his way into Hungary had made an effort to align the military authorities at Steinmanger with him pleading with General Lehar, in command, for support. General Lehar, however, refused.

Admiral Horthy is said to be convinced that the restoration of Charles would be a source of danger to Hungary. A large party of the Budapest Garrison, as well as General Lehar's troops are declared to be opposed to Charles' return.

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Administration Asks Mexico to Apprehend Murderers 3 Yankees

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Representations have been made to the Mexican government demanding that the murderers of three Americans killed in that country about three weeks ago be apprehended and punished.

TAMPA, Fla., March 30.—Charges that Mexican seamen at Alvarado, near Vera Cruz, tore an American flag to shreds and threatened to kill members of the crew of the American schooner Telegram, will be investigated by the Mexican government Rafael Ruzia, Mexican consul here said today. The consul has forwarded to the Mexican ambassador at Washington a report of the incident received here last night from Captain H. F. Jackson, master of the schooner.

DAUGHERTY DENIES DEBS OFFERED HIS FREEDOM FROM PEN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Legislation to solve the problem of prisoners confined for violation of the war time laws is under consideration Attorney General Daugherty said today. Members of the senate judiciary committee have asked Mr. Daugherty to present his ideas on the question to the senate committee he added, a bill already having been drawn to cover the matter.

Mr. Daugherty said published reports that Eugene V. Debs had been offered his freedom from Atlanta penitentiary on promise to abandon the spread of bolshevik doctrine were without foundation.

The Debs case, Mr. Daugherty said, would be the subject of careful investigation on which an opinion would be transmitted to President Harding.

CONEY GIVEN UP BY PHYSICIANS

NATCHEZ, Miss., Mar. 30.—Physicians attending Lieutenant W. D. Coney, trans-continental aviator, stated at 2 o'clock this afternoon that he could not live longer than twelve hours.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Mar. 30.—Lieutenant W. D. Coney, trans-continental aviator who fell near Crowville, La., on a return flight from Florida to California last Friday, is sinking rapidly today, according to the attending physician. Little hope for his life is expressed.

JURY FOREMAN CLAIMS TO KNOW MORE 'N JEGE

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Despite almost specific instruction of Judge Thomas Davis, a jury in his court yesterday found Ben Smith, colored, guilty of an offense against a 15-year-old white boy. The judge set the verdict aside as he had told the jurors he would do if a verdict of guilty was found, declaring the evidence insufficient.

"To whom it may concern," said the letter. "I do this day of my own free will and compunction swear that I do not promise to live with and be true to my husband, Mr. George Glenn Lindbloom."

"Six lines of erasures followed, then came this paragraph: 'Being without children and feeling the way I do about things I think it best we should part while there are only ourselves to think about.' The note was indorsed in Lindbloom's writing: 'This is my wife's confession.'"

HINT CHICAGO WARE HOUSE RED ARSENAL

Sensational Exposures Are Expected to Follow Investigation of Explosion on Chicago West Side—Wall Street Investigator on Hand—Bombs Found Among Fireworks.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Hints of sensational disclosures as a result of yesterday's explosion in a secret fireworks factory on the west side became known today with the appearance of fresh investigators in the case. At least eight persons were killed in the blast.

It was announced that the American Railway association had assigned two men to investigate the shipment of explosives to and from the wholesale notion establishment of Singer, Schaeffer and company and they were closeted with the city fire marshal for nearly an hour. The men gave their names as E. J. League and J. O. Heiser.

Heiser assisted in the investigation of the Wall street explosion, said John C. McDonnell, second assistant fire marshal. He refused to give further information.

At the same time Shirley T. High, attorney in charge of the fire prevention bureau, said his office had located William Singer and Nathan Schaeffer, members of the firm whom the police could not find after the explosion.

It was rumored the men were being held incommunicado because of evidence that not all the fireworks were of the harmless variety.

Members of the building committee of the city council who visited the ruins yesterday and went over them again today with a coroner's jury, composed of engineering experts, said they would recommend that prosecutions for manslaughter be started against owners of the building.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Search for bodies continued today in the ruins of the warehouse destroyed by an explosion yesterday. Firemen and police dug also for evidence that might throw further light upon the cause of the disaster in which at least eight persons were killed and several score hurt.

Shirley T. High, fire attorney, planned to question again today Edward and Isadore Shaffer, sons of one of the proprietors of a concern which city authorities believe has been manufacturing and storing fireworks in a building adjacent to the destroyed warehouse. City ordinances forbid storage of fireworks within the city limits.

The police were trying also to find W. Singer and Nathan Schaeffer, partners in the alleged fireworks concern. When they could not be found yesterday it was thought that they might be among the dead, but today the police said they believed the men fled to escape possible prosecution.

Max Singer, a nephew of Schaeffer's partner, is said to have told the police that ordinarily ten men were used to load firecrackers in a secret basement factory. He said that only four were at work yesterday and that all were killed.

"There are four salesmen out on the road," Singer is said to have related, "but they never came near the store. My uncle used to meet them in downtown hotel lobbies. They would turn over their orders and my uncle would arrange for the deliveries."

SPARKS FROM TODAY'S WIRE

SEATTLE, Mar. 30.—Federal prohibition agents are not empowered to stop and search citizens for liquor on the street or in hotel lobbies unless the officers are provided with specific search warrants. Federal Judge Jeremiah Neterer held in a decision handed down here today.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 30.—A bill to prohibit aliens from engaging in commercial fishing was offered for introduction in the senate today. The measure, its sponsor declared, was aimed to prevent Japanese from controlling a large part of the industry.

POPE FIELD, Camp Bragg, N. C., Mar. 30.—Marine corps airplanes in flight from Washington to St. Thomas Virgin Islands, arrived at Pope Field here at 2:45 this afternoon. The flight from Richmond took five hours and fifteen minutes.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Judge R. M. Barton, chairman of the United States railroad board, departed today for Washington in response to a summons from President Harding for a conference on the general railroad situation.

Shoots Himself in Breast and Head, But Will Recover

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 30.—Obviously despondent because his wife had refused to live with him, B. E. Otjen, 40, rancher, drove up in front of his residence here at 9 o'clock this morning, shot himself in the left breast, waited for the police and coroner to arrive, explained to them that he was the man they sought, discharged another bullet into his forehead and then walked over to the coroner's automobile and climbed in.

He will recover. "Family trouble," Otjen told the officers. "The trouble is," he went on, "they only gave me a 22-caliber gun. I asked for a 32-caliber, but that little pop gun is all I got."

READJUSTMENT IN AUTO TAXES IS IMPERATIVE

Rep. Ben Sheldon Speaks at C. of Commerce Forum on Auto Tax Situation—Constitutional Objections Chief Obstacle.

One of the most important subjects to which the late legislature gave attention was thoroughly discussed at today's chamber of commerce forum luncheon, by Representative Ben C. Sheldon who gave a review of the highway work of the session and particularly the new auto license law.

The speaker mentioned the fact that the road program of the state was just approaching the point where a readjustment in the financing thereof would have to be made or the program come to an early stop, so far as large construction work was concerned. He expressed the opinion that whenever the auto owners grew restless under the increasing of fees and the only alternative was shouldering a part of the burden onto general property taxation, the program would come to a halt, for the reason that the taxable property of the state was already bearing all the burden that it could, hence according to Mr. Sheldon, the importance of adjusting the road building auto tax equitably as between the various makes of machines.

Gas Tax Unconstitutional
Reference was made to Mr. Sheldon's fight at the last session to get the larger part of the burden put on gasoline, instead of the auto direct, because of the greater equity in using gasoline consumption as a basis of estimating the use of the highways by the various autos. How this plan was beaten by the constitutional objections raised by the attorney general and other lawyers, was fully explained.

A similar objection struck out a clause which Mr. Sheldon had succeeded in inserting in the bill, providing for a reduced fee for the old, used cars. When the basis of the new license fee was changed to one purely of weight of the car, the point was raised that a distinction in the fee charged, based solely on the depreciated value of the car rendered the whole law of questionable legality, and again constitutional limitations defeated what a majority of the members of the legislature wished to write into the law.

Tables Displayed
Several tables were displayed by Mr. Sheldon showing that, as between the various cars, the new fees were more equitable than the old, both as to weight and as to value. The legislature showed a disposition to keep the road building program going full tilt, hence the license rates were somewhat higher than formerly and will produce more revenue. It was shown that the new fees practically equal what would be paid on the cars if they were on the personal property tax rolls. It was also shown that the counties receive as their share of the state fees practically what they did under the personal property taxation plan, and that the tax was levied more generally upon the automobiles, instead of a large number escaping all taxation.

Mr. Sheldon's discussion of the license law was preceded by a general discussion of other highway laws, including the gasoline tax, the new rules-of-the-road law, the Roosevelt highway bill which was such a storm center of the session, the new road districting law and the various recommendations of the highway commission.

Closing Arguments Bitter
Closing arguments in the Walker case were made Tuesday afternoon, and the case was given to the jury this morning.

E. E. Kelley opened for the defense, and charged that the suit was a willful attempt to whitewash a rotten state bank department, and branded W. H. Johnson, former cashier of the defunct institution, and star witness for the plaintiff, as "a liar and a thief, and an ingrate, who would look no man in the eye," and that his testimony was an attempt "to secure immunity."

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Attorney George M. Roberts in his opening statement declared the case rested upon the records. He defended the state banking department, and made a vigorous appeal for full judgment asked. He also contended the contention of the defense that the case was a "case of veracity between Johnson, and business men of Medford." Johnson, he said, was the "goat."

Attorney Gus Newbury also spoke in behalf of the defense stressing the unreliability of the records of the bank, and the testimony of Johnson, who, he declared, "was scattering roses in his path for the days he will spend in prison, where he should be for the rest of his life." Attorney Newbury contended that the "accounts of any depositor in the bank could be juggled in a like manner by Johnson, or any other bank official."

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\$9,948.50 IS AWARDED IN WALKER CASE

Jury in Circuit Court Renders Verdict in Civil Case After Two Hours' Deliberation—Testimony of Johnson Disregarded, According to Report.

A jury in the circuit court this morning after two hours' deliberation returned a judgment for \$9,948.50 against A. W. Walker in the civil suit of the state banking board by F. C. Bramwell. The plaintiff asked for \$40,389.95, alleged to be due on promissory notes and overdrafts, arising from the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville.

The specified items allowed by the jury were as follows: Promissory notes for \$980 and \$830, which were admitted by the defense, and a promissory note for \$1351.50 which was contested, all with interest at eight per cent. Also an overdraft for \$6602. The plaintiff claimed allowance for \$37,759.95. Attorney fees of \$185 were allowed.

The jury took 12 ballots, one member holding out for the full amount throughout, one juror said. Other jurors said the testimony of W. H. Johnson, star witness for the plaintiff, was disregarded, but that the testimony of the state bank examiner was accepted at full value.

The case was hard fought throughout, and in the closing argument, echoes of the last campaign, and references to the judgment in the Kublik case were injected. The plaintiff was represented by Attorney George M. Roberts, and the defense by Attorneys Gus Newbury, E. E. Kelley, and Elbert Hermann, of Portland, a lifelong friend of the defendant. Kelley in the closing arguments, unmercifully flayed Johnson, claiming that he sought immunity by his testimony, which was highly sensational.

The civil action against S. T. Johnston, Thompson creek sawmill operator, for an overdraft of \$4000 was postponed until the May term of court, on account of the illness of W. H. Johnson, who is lying in the woman's ward of the county jail, with a temperature of 104, due to a severe cold, and the nervous strain of the trial. He is attended by Dr. E. B. Pickett, and his wife is acting as nurse. His condition is not regarded as necessarily serious.

There was little interest shown in the verdict, and when it was read the only spectator was William Ulrich of this city. An appeal by either side is doubtful, both reported to be satisfied by the result.

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Cambridge Oarsmen Vanquish Oxford, Lothrop Collapses

LONDON, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Cambridge bridge vindicated the predictions of rowing experts and won the annual boat race with Oxford today over the Putney Mortlake course of about four and a quarter miles on the Thames in 19 minutes, 44 seconds. It was only after a desperate battle, in which it appeared to be either crew's race until near the finish that the light blue won.

So thrilling was the pace that F. H. Lothrop, of Harvard and Trinity, at No. 4 for Oxford, who was the sole American among the competing oarsmen, together with H. O. Boret, of the Cambridge bow, and D. L. Coates, No. 3 for Oxford, collapsed at the finish under the strain.

ANNOUNCE DATE, PLACE, DEMPSEY FIGHT, SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—The place, date and all details of the Dempsey-Carpentier heavyweight championship bout will be announced here Saturday, April 9, Tex Rickard said today. He said he had finally decided to hold the match in the United States.

While the date of the contest has been semi-officially fixed for some time, as Saturday, July 2, the place and the general conditions to govern the bout have never been authoritatively stated. Rickard's announcement today is taken as indicating that he has virtually completed various necessary preliminaries incidental to staging the match within a reasonable radius of Greater New York. This has been his object from the beginning of negotiations as he has maintained, that a contest of this magnitude could not be staged with a reasonable chance of profit outside an area of large population.

DOUGLAS CO. BOND ISSUE 'SQUEEKY'

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 30.—After an all-afternoon discussion of the proposed million dollar bond issue for road building, as recommended by a special committee, the Douglas county taxpayers' league late yesterday adopted a motion sanctioning the bonds. There were about 75 delegates and tax payers at the meeting. The plan was indorsed by a margin of two votes. Farmers from various parts of the county, representing many road districts, opposed the plan, alleging that lateral roads were being neglected while the Pacific highway was receiving the benefit of all available money.

IMPEACHMENT OF GOVERNOR ASKED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Mar. 30.—Impeachment of Governor J. B. Robertson was recommended in a report filed in the Oklahoma house of representatives late today by the investigation committee. The report charges gross neglect and corruption in office.

Liberty Bonds.
NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's \$90.20; first 4's \$87.40; second 4's \$87.00; first 4 1/2's \$87.64; second 4 1/2's \$87.10; third 4 1/2's \$90.24; fourth 4 1/2's \$87.20; Victory 3 1/2's \$97.58; Victory 4 1/2's \$97.54.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY INCREASES IN RHINE REGION, MINES ARE SEIZED

COBLENZ, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Communist uprisings broke out here this morning in Moers and Grefeld in the Belgian zone of occupation and there were clashes in which the communists suffered casualties.

LONDON, March 30.—Fifty persons were killed in yesterday's fighting at Gevelsberg in Westphalia, while the police were dealing with the communist rising there, according to Berlin messages today to Reuters limited. The town was re-captured by the authorities. At Mannheim the police were attacked and returned the fire killing three persons and wounding five others.

A serious communist riot in Dresden has been put down, says a Berlin message to the Exchange Telegraph company. Ninety-two communists were arrested among them, fourteen women. Reports from Duesseldorf declare the communist activity in the Rhine region is increasing. Some mines have been seized by workers, it is reported. At Jena, the glass manufacturing center, some success attended the communists in their efforts to start a general strike. Messages report that they have occupied the Carl Zeiss optical works, a plant of world-wide production, and have stopped street railway traffic.

RE-HEARING PHONE CASE REQUESTED

Portland and 19 Other Cities in Oregon to Join in Request April 18th—Public Service Commission Orders Cut in Gas Rates for Portland, Which Were Raised in Jan'y.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—The city of Portland, April 18, will present its request for a re-hearing of the telephone rates to the state public service commission, it was announced at the city hall today. Nineteen other Oregon municipalities will be league with Portland in the request.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—The Oregon public service commission today ordered a cut in gas rates for Portland and environs served by the Portland Gas and Coke company. Today's order amended an order issued January 15, which increased Portland's gas rate. The new rates are equivalent to a reduction of \$100,000 annually in the company's revenues, and are based on a new oil contract whereby the gas company is enabled to obtain oil at a reduction of 15 cents a barrel under the rate prevailing January 15.

The new rates are effective April 10. They establish a minimum charge of 85 cents for 300 feet or less. A reduction from \$135 to \$1.30 a thousand feet is made for gas consumers up to 8700 feet. Up to 40,000 feet the rate is \$1.20; 50,000 \$1.05; 100,000 feet, 90c, and over 200,000 feet 85c. The heating rate is fixed 85c for 300 minimum, the next 4700 feet at \$1 instead of \$1.05, the present rate, and in excess of 5,000 feet at 80c instead of 85c.

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\$10,000,000 Canning Combine Formed in Oregon, Washington

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—Cannery managers and representatives of financial institutions and fruit growers' associations, decided late yesterday to incorporate the Oregon and Washington Canning and Preserve company under the laws of Delaware, with a capital of \$10,000,000. Eight directors from each of the two states will be chosen.

TACOMA, March 30.—The price of all classes of canned goods have declined this week an average of 25 per cent, it was said in jobbing circles here today. Prices were reduced, it was announced, because large stocks of last season's packs remain unsold. Jobbers expect the lower prices to move the accumulation before new stocks are available in the fall.

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HUSBAND KILLS WIFE WHO SIGNS STATEMENT RENOUNCING FIDELITY

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—The bodies of George Glenn Lindbloom, 36 and Mrs. Lillian Lindbloom, his wife, today were sent to Galesburg, Ill., his mother's home, according to directions left by Lindbloom in a note written just before he shot his wife and himself at their apartment here last night.

"I won't stand for her to go to dances," Lindbloom wrote his mother, "and before I will part with her I will sooner die, so I take her with me to death."

Another letter, in the handwriting of his wife and dated Monday, shed light upon the motive.