The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....58
Minimum today.....26½

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Fair.
Heavy frost in morning.

Daily—Sixteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-First Year.

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PREPARE TO USE FORCE COAL STRIKE

British Navy Ordered to Be Ready for Action—May Transfer Armed Forces in Ireland—Premier Admits Negotiations Have Broken Down.

LONDON, April 7.—(By the Associated Press)—A complete breakup of the conference between representatives of the miners, the owners and the government with the view to settling the coal strike, was announced in the house of commons by Premier Lloyd George this afternoon.

The failure of the conference, Mr. Lloyd George declared, came as a consequence of the refusal of the miners' condition of a national wage system and a national profits pool had been accepted. The premier added that since it had been made clear the miners federation would not consider any settlement except on the conceding of their demands in full, the government, relying on the assistance of the great mass of the people, must take every means in its power to met th situation. The view of the miners federation, Mr. Lloyd George asserted, was that to permit the permit the pumpers to return would be to relinquish the weapon with which the miners hoped to bring the government and the mine owners to a speedy acceptance of their terms.

Amidst cheers from the government benches the premier declared that the issue raised was much wider than that of what wages should be paid. He had always kept an open mind on the qustion of wages and was prepared to use his good offices in reaching a solution. He regretted extremely that the miners had made so grave a decision, involving injury and misery to their fellow citizens throughout the country as well as to themselves.

R. R. Men Walk Out.

LONDON, April 7.—(By the Associated Press)—The National Union of Railwaymen today decided to support the coal miners in their strike.

The executive body of the railwaymen's union decided to consult immediately with the transport workers organization for the purpose of taking the most effective and immediate steps to assist the miners.

Reports from many mining centers said the strikers adopted a more aggressive attitude to make volunteers cease the work of keeping the collieries free from water. In numerous instances force was used. At Borrowstounnes, Scotland, miners today threw bombs at a pit head in order to intimidate volunteer wokrers in the mine. No material damage was done.

QUENSTOWN, Ireland, April 7.—Naval units here and at other home Eports, have been instructed, as a resul tof the strike of British miners, to hold themselves in readiness for emergency service. Shore leave has been curtailed, even officers being required to return to their ships by 8:30 o'clock in the evening. Naval officials view the situation as being filled with the gravest possibilities.

Shift Crown Forces.

The question of shifting large numbers of crown forces in Ireland to England, if disorders ensue, has been fully considered, it is understood, and if such steps should be taken, the forces transferred will probably include many auxiliaries regarded as especially qualified by their work in Ireland to dael with elements seeking to stir up trouble.

Officials, however, are aware of the possibility that the Irish republican army may take advantage of the opportunity offered by disorders in England and military officials are reluctant to decrease the forces in Ireland.

Riots in Scotland.

LONDON, April 7.—New disturb-

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Horrors! Heads of London Johnnies Are Growing Round

LONDON, April 7.—Citizens of London are growing round headed, according to anthropologists, who say this change is due to the incursion of peoples from middle Europe.

It is said this tendency toward globular formation of the cranium has amounted to two per cent within the last 200 years.

"The old British inhabitants were long headed and they have been supreme in initiative, governing capacity and colonizing genius, says a commentator.

"The round heads are lacking in initiative, but they have a great capacity for patient labor."

R. R. BOARD DENIES WAGE REDUCTION ON N. Y. CENTRAL

CHICAGO, April 7.—Permission to make provisional reduction of the wages of unskilled labor on the New York Central railroad was denied by the railroad labor board here today.

The railroad recently requested permission to put cuts of from 17 to 31 per cent into effect April 1. The dispute was taken to the labor board after the railroad and employes had conferred.

The dispute between the New York Central and its unskilled workers over a permanent reduction in wages will be heard April 18 in connection with similar disputes which have been filed by other railroads.

A resolution passed by the board in connection with the New York Central decision states that the board will also take up other carriers' disputes at that time.

The board deemed it advisable to consolidate the hearing on the requests of the 26 roads in order to save time, inasmuc has it was expected that the argument in each case would be similar.

NO ESTIMATES ON FROST DAMAGES, STONE FRUIT HIT

The predicted heavy frost of this morning arrived, and consequently there was smudging by all orchardists who were prepared to do so. Another heavy frost is predicted for Friday morning.

"It is very hard to tell as yet just how much damage has been done by the three heavy frosts that have so far visited us," said County Agent C. C. Cate this forenoon.

"However there is no question that they have caused injury, especially to the stone fruits such as cherries, peaches and apricots. In some of the low lying parts of the valley a few of the stone trees lost 90 per cent of the crop.

"As to the early pear situation, the D'Anjous are the worst hit, and in some places in the valley the frosts killed 90 per cent of their present bloom, and 50 per cent of the present bloom of the Bartletts and Howells. However, these trees were so heavy set with blossoms that they can stand to lose many, and yet give a big crop, especialy the Bartletts and Howells.

"We have had bad frosts other years which killed many blossoms, and an encouraging feature of the present and future situation is that I have never yet seen a general fruit crop failure in the valley."

MAIL ROBBERS LOOT REACHES $750,000 CASH

Money Wrappers in Discarded Mail Sack Show Dearborn St. Robbery One of Largest in Criminal History—Gang Makes Escape.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Indications today were that the loot obtained in the mail robbery at the Dearborn street railway station would aggregate an amount between $500,000 and $750,000.

The evidence that the loss would be large was obtained when the police recovered a mail pouch that had been ripped open, rifled and thrown aside. It contained moneywrappers which showed there had been one package of $100,000 in one thousand dollar bills, another of $40,000 in one dollar bills and a third of $50,000.

The pouch also contained five sacks each holding five smaller bags containing currency and consigned to various federal reserve bank members. Most of the money was consigned to Indianapolis banks.

The robbery was executed with rapidity by four bandits. One story was that the quartet had been playing ball for some time on a lot near the station and suddenly rushed over with revolvers and held up the station and truck employes. It is declared the robbery did not require more than a minute and a half, the robbers demanding a particular registered mail pouch which still was on a mail truck.

The bandits fled with the sack to an automobile and one of them fired one shot, supposedly at one of his fellows whom he failed to recognize in the excitement. They leaped into the machine and escaped.

CONFESSION SAYS WOMAN HIRED HIM TO KILL ELWELL

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 7.—Although Roy B. Harris, alias G. E. B. Leonard, who made a confession last night that he and another man had been hired by a woman for $5,000 to kill Joseph B. Elwell, New York turf and club man last June, still held to his story today, the police found discrepancies in the confession.

The murder occurred June 11 but Harris gave the date as June 12 in his confession. He also said Elwell was shot with a small caliber revolver, whereas the wound was caused by a bullet of large caliber. He said his pal, Bill Dunkin, fired the shot. They were hired, he said, by a Mrs. Fairchild."

Police here and in New York have no record of any woman of that name known to Elwell, although he had numerous affairs with women.

Harris, known as Leonard, was arrested here on a forgery charge. His wife said he often talked of New York acquaintances.

DRIVER DYNAMITE WAGON BLOWN UP

HOMINY, Okla., April 7.—A. W. Weed, driver of a nitro-glycerin truck for a torpedo company of Pawhuska, Okla., was instantly killed last night when a hundred quarts of nitro-glycerin exploded, about five miles west of here. With the exception of a fragment of a boot, picked up 200 yards from the scene, no trace of the body has been found.

YOSEMITE OPEN TO AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7—General automobile travel into Yosemite park opened this year early this week, nearly a month earlier than ever before. The machines entering the reservation go over the Coulterville Road, which was opened early this year through the efforts of the chambers of commerce of Stockton and Modesto and the management of Yosemite lodge.

Winter Wheat Crop 1921, 4th Largest in Country's History

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A winter wheat crop, fourth largest in the country's history, was forecast today by the department of agriculture with a total production of 621,000,000 bushels. This is 44,000,000 bushels more than harvested last year.

The condition of the crop improved 3.1 per cent from last December 1 to April 1, condition being 91 per cent of a normal. The crop of 1919 was the largest of winter wheat ever grown, with 729,000,000 bushels.

The area sown last fall was 40,605,000 acres and it is believed the abandonment has been small. The 1920 crop was sown on 41,757,000 acres of which 37,773,000 acres were harvested, while the record crop of 1919 was harvested from 499,105,000 acres.

GERMANY AGREES HELP FRENCH WAR DEVASTATED AREA

BERLIN, April 7.—(By the Associated Press)—Germany will submit to the allied supreme council specific proposals for re-construction of the devastated regions of northern France in a note being prepared and which will be dispatched before May 1, it was announced officially today.

The note will reiterate Germany's desire to see the regions reconstructed as quickly as possible and will offer German labor and material to this end.

The German plan has been worked out by government officials, industrial leaders and representatives of the labor unions, who have reached a complete accord regarding the methods of re-building and the use of necessary material and labor.

"We want to demonstrate the sincerity of our purposes, which we have often expressed and do whatever is within our ability toward rebuilding the devastated district," an official said in giving out the announcement.

MEDFORD P. O. RECEIPTS SHOW A STEADY GAIN

An evidence of growth in Medford's population the past year is shown in the fact that the gross receipts of the Medford postoffice from Jan. 1st to March 31st show a gain of 26 per cent over those of the same period a year ago.

While much of this increase is due to the city filling up with people, another contributing factor is the growing use of the parcel post since the freight and express rates have become so high. So heavy has become the incoming parcel post mail that the postal department has just granted to the Medford postoffice a large motorcycle with commercial body carrying attachment to aid in delivering the packages throughout the city, and to reinforce the bicycle and two-wheeled pushcart heretofore in use for this purpose.

Another indication shown in the local postoffice of the increase in population is that the carriers' routes the past few months have never been so heavy, and it takes hard and fast work on the part of the carriers to enable them to cover their routes on schedule time.

Sport B. V. D.'s

NEW YORK, April 7.—Joe Lynch, world's bantamweight boxing champion today was en route to Cleveland, where he will meet Young Montreal of Providence Friday night. While in Cleveland Lynch's manager will convey to Johnny Kilbane, world's featherweight title holder, an offer of $35,000 by New York promoters to engage in a decision bout with Andy Chaney of New York in an open arena.

CHICAGO, April 7.—The I. A. C. and C. A. A. water polo teams will play here tonight to determine the championship of the Amateur Athletic union. The Olympic club of San Francisco and the New York Athletic club, defeated last night by the Illinois and Chicago clubs, respectively, will play for third place.

BIG BUSINESS IS WARNED BY ATTORNEY GEN.

Harry M. Daugherty Declares Government, in Spite of the Lever Act Decision, Must Obey the Law—Building Trades Mentioned.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A general warning to business that the department of justice will countenance no violations of the law was sounded today by Attorney General Daugherty.

The country, Mr. Daugherty said, "should take notice of a new day and a new way," and that those who had been guilty of illegal practices should not "close their eyes."

His statement he added, was a modest, but emphatic warning" to those for whom it was intended and could be regarded as an opportunity for any of those who should mend their ways to do so.

The attorney general said the department of justice did not intend to harass business in any way, but that it did intend to enforce the law. He pointed out that while the profiteering sections of the Lever act had been declared unconstitutional, the department still could proceed under the Sherman auti-trust law.

Mr. Daugherty was discussing specifically the situation in the building materials industry, which he declared reports to the department showed to be "intolerable." He said the department of justice would ask for more aid from the outside than it had received heretofore and that lawyers representing firms should regard themselves as agents of the department of justice in upholding the law.

The attorney general announced that it was the purpose of investigating conditions in the building material trades wherever an inquiry was warranted. Indictments already have been returned in New York and Chicago, he said and complaints have come from Pittsburg, St. Louis, Cleveland and other cities.

GEORGIA PLANTER IN PEONAGE CASE DENIES MURDERS

COVINGTON, Ga., April 7.—John S. Williams, plantation owner, on trial for the murder of one of eleven negro farm hands alleged to have been killed through fear of exposure of peonage conditions on his farm, took the stand here today in his own behalf.

"Like most farmers," he said, "I have bonded out negroes and worked them," adding that "most Georgia farmers" were technicaly guilty of peonage under definitions of that term given him by federal agents.

The witness denied knowledge of the killing of Peterson, Preston and Price, three of the dead farm hands said by Clyde Manning, Williams' negro farm boss and star witness for the state, to have been bound and thrown into a river with sacks of rocks tied to them by Williams' orders. Discovery of the bodies of Peterson and Preston in the river led to the present trial.

"Whoever put the bodies in the river did it for a purpose," Williams said. "If I had done this crime, gentlemen, I would have had lenty of time to get where they could not have put their hands on me."

The defense rested without calling any other witnesses.

FOUR ARE KILLED IN ROYAL PALM WRECK

SOMERSET, Ky., April 7.—An investigation of the wreck of the Royal Palm limited of the Queen and Crescent route, wrecked yesterday near New River, Tenn., with the loss of four lives and thirty injured, today was being pushed by officials of the Southern railroad. That the great damage was caused by rock ledges near the track dropping upon the day coaches was the opinion of survivors here today.

The train, bound from Jacksonville, Fla., to Chicago was on a curve when spreading rails or a buckling track derailed three coaches and three Pullman cars.

16-Year-Old Eureka Jail Breaker Caught By Station Agent

EUREKA, Cal., April 7.—William Clark, 16 year old bandit suspect, who has been sought by an armed posse since his escape from the county jail Sunday night, was taken from a train at Dyerville, 50 miles south of here today, after having been cowed by a broadside from the gun of the station agent.

When discovered Clark leaped from the train and attempted to escape but was quickly taken into custody.

Clark said that he would make no further attempts to escape from jail, but would wait until he is sent to the reform school where he has been committed because "escape would be easy then."

EVERY COUNTY IN OREGON CAN GET $150,000 FOR RDS,

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—Location of the north end of The Dalles-California highway between The Dalles and Madras was made by the state highway commission yesterday. It will probably cost 1,500,000 to build the road.

As located the highway will start from The Dalles go to Dufur, Kingsley Tygh valley, Maupin, Criterion down Cow Creek canyon, missing Gateway a few miles and landing at Madras in Jefferson county. From Madras to the California line the highway has been located and considerable work has been done on it.

To Sherman county the commission added a new road—Sherman highway—running from Biggs, on the Columbia river highway, south to Shaniko. A connection will be built from Shaniko to Criterion to The Dalles-California highway.

The commission established a policy of allowing each county $150,000 for the next two years from the $5,000,000 available to the commission during the biennium.

R. R. BROTHERHOOD MEN KICKED OUT

JOPLIN, Mo., April 7.—Local union officials in charge of the strike of employes of the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad are trying to locate a group of railroad brotherhood leaders who left Harrison, Ark., late yesterday after a committee of citizens had asked that they depart. Reports here were that the party might be expected in Joplin, the northern terminus of the line. Early today no word had been received from the men and inquiries at nearby points failed to reveal a trace of them.

The men, Martin C. Carey, Port Huron, Mich., representing the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors; W. J. Potts, Little Rock, Dispatchers association; L. M. Eddy, San Francisco, Order Railway Telegraphers; W. E. Horne, Kansas City and Joseph F. Saxe, Fort Worth, Texas, had been here several weeks directing the strike.

ANTI-PROFITEER SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 7.—Organization of the so-called middle classes to present a solid front against all forms of profiteering was announced today as a new aim of the Chicago Tenants Protective league. Plans for co-operative home building by members also was announced.

MORE CIVIL ACTIONS IN BANK CASE

State Supt. Bramwell Declares if 25 or 30 Depositors With Jverdrafts Jacksonville Bank Don't Pay Up, Proceedings Will Be Instituted—Roberts to Handle Cases.

SALEM, Ore., April 7.—Unless persons having overdrafts in the Bank of Jacksonville at the time its doors were closed three months ago effect satisfactory settlements of their obligations, as many as 25 and possibly 30 civil actions will be instituted by the state banking department within the next few weeks to recover funds alleged to be due the defunct depository. This was announced here by Frank Bramwell that the criminal prosecution of the men alleged to have been responsible for the wrecking of the bank would be carried on without fear or favor. To this end, Mr. Bramwell recently procured the services of A. J. Liljequist, assistant attorney general, who will co-operate with Rawles Moore, district attorney of Jackson county.

Bringing of civil actions against persons having overdrafts in the bank has been placed in the hands of George Roberts, Medford attorney.

It is now the intention of the state banking department, according to Mr. Bramwell, to submit much of the testimony given at the previous hearing at the May term of the grand jury in Jackson county.

4 BILLIONS NEEDED TO RUN COUNTRY NEW FISCAL YEAR

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Suggestions for raising the four billion dollars revenue necessary to run the national government during the next fiscal year will be sent to congress early next week, Secretary Mellon said today. Discussion of sources which may be tapped by the new tax program will be concluded probably Saturday by the treasury secretary and his staff of advisers.

Thus far, it was started, definite decision has been reached on only one question aifecting tax revision. Mr. Mellon will recommend repeal of the excess profits tax, but he has not decided what form of levy will supplant that war time provision.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Exemption of the profits of American concerns doing business in foreign countries from the American excess profits and income tax laws was advocated today by Secretary Hoover.

LOCAL DAIRYMEN TO GET TOGETHER

The program outlined for Saturday, April 9, will make a very interesting day for all those interested in the dairy industry in the valley. C. C. Dickson, a prominent Jersey breeder of Shedd, Ore., will talk on better sires and the breeding up of dairy herds. There will be other subjects touched upon affecting the problems of the dairyman.

HOME BREW EXPLODES IN DETECTIVES POCKET, N. Y. COURT THROWN INTO PANIC

NEW YORK, April 7.—New York's night court, busy as a result of the police department's first drive at enforcement of the state prohibition law, adjourned temporarily in disorder today when a quart bottle of confiscated liquor exploded in the pocket of a detective.

The detective stood before the magistrate supporting a man, who, with bowed head was confessing that he had partaken too freely of the brew that intoxicates.

"Where's the evidence?" asked the court.

The detective's hand moved toward his pocket. Followed a loud report, someone shouted "bomb" and a rush for the exits began. The detective was hurled to the floor, as was his prisoner. The magistrate and others in the court gathered outside, returning only when apprised of the cause of the explosion. The next defendant on the docket, a father of ten, still trembling as a result of the explosion scare took a pledge to abstain "forever and ever."

LEGION DETERMINED TO KEEP UP FIGHT UNTIL BERGDOLL IS BEHIND THE BARS

INDIANAPOLIS, April 7—Hundreds of telegrams and letters voicing a sentiment for the return to this country of Grover C. Bergdoll, convicted Philadelphia draft evader in Germany, are being received at national headquarters of the American Legion, officials announced here today.

The general public is leading the demand for Bergdoll's return, the legion officers say.

Legion posts on the Pacific coast have started a fund to further the movement and Kansas legionnaires have wired that they will support any plans for bringing Bergdoll back.

F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the legion, telegraphed today from Washington where he is in conference with President Harding's committee for relief of disabled service men, the following message:

"I am bringing every argument to bear on government officials to hasten the demand for Bergdoll. The legion cannot rest until this paragon of the disloyal is once more behind prison bars. I think that the time is not far away."