

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 65
Minimum today 34
Precipitation 02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain tonight and Thursday.
Colder tonight.

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

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GEN'L LABOR IN ENGLAND JOIN STRIKE

Eleventh Hour Effort by Lloyd George to Prevent Catastrophe Fails—Labor Leaders Attend Conference, But Refuse Terms—8,000,000 Workers Involved.

LONDON, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Resolutions expressing solidarity with the miners and the triple alliance in their present movements were adopted tonight at a meeting of the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress, the national executive of the labor party and the parliamentary labor party, held at the house of commons.

During the conference this morning, it developed Mr. Lloyd George made a plea to the labor men that they resort to the ballot but suggesting that they put their case to the nation and saying that the government would do likewise with its case and let the nation decide the issue.

"Starvation is not your only weapon," said the premier, "you have exactly the weapons you had before, the weapons of civilization—persuasion, argument and reason. You can leave it to the nation to decide. You have your plan, we have ours. Put it to the nation and we will put ours to the nation. If the nation decides that your plan is the right one, why should you starve your people in order to achieve something which you can achieve by reason, if reason is on your side."

These declarations were made by the prime minister when he was pointing out the impossibility of the government accepting the miners' demand for a national pooling of profits, which he defined as nationalization up to the point of meddling, and not of managing, "which is a worse form of nationalization."

LONDON, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Federation of General Workers, representing 1,500,000 persons in more than 100 industries outside the triple alliance decided today to support the triple alliance in its strike in the interest of the striking miners.

LONDON, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—A conference this morning between Premier Lloyd George and officials of the triple alliance, which has called a strike for Friday night was concluded within two hours without any progress apparently having been made toward an adjustment of the grave labor situation.

It was reported this morning made a long statement appealing strongly to the railway men and transport workers, who with the miners make up the triple alliance, asking them to exercise restraint and not precipitate a crisis.

The situation this afternoon appeared gloomy.

LONDON, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Officials of the "triple alliance of labor" visited Prime Minister Lloyd George today and began a conference which may have a vital bearing on the industrial crisis confronting the country.

Journalists were told by J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railway Men that the call upon the government leader was at the invitation of Lloyd George.

That the call for a strike tomorrow night issued by the "triple alliance" will be universally observed remains doubtful.

Statements printed by the Daily Graphic purport to show that if the "triple alliance" strike should actually result and should last three weeks.

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HARDING'S MESSAGE CONVINCES PARIS PAPER INTERNATIONALE CAN SAVE WORLD

PARIS, April 14.—The text of President Harding's message had not yet reached Paris this morning and the newspapers based their comment on extracts from the message thus far received. Some of the commentators notably those of L'Homme Libre and the Gaulois, criticized the lack of information possessed by France on the state of affairs in Washington.

"Pertinax," political editor of the Echo de Paris said: "The clear, decisive language of Mr. Harding renders us a great service." The communist Humanite said:

Camp Lewis Soldiers Confess to Assault, Penalty Is Hanging

TACOMA, April 14.—Laurence Bogart and Everett Impyn, soldiers at Camp Lewis, today confessed to an assault Monday night, upon Miss Eleanor Sheyer, a civilian nurse, camp officials announced.

The men will be turned over to federal authorities tomorrow, it was said. Penalty for the offense under federal statutes is death by hanging.

The two men acknowledged in detail the story of the assault told by John Clifford, soldier escort of Miss Sheyer, officials said.

Clifford was bound and trussed to a tree by the two soldiers, who then carried Miss Sheyer away. He was badly injured, and is now recovering from serious wounds in the Camp Lewis hospital.

CANADIAN GOVT. WINS IN STRUGGLE OVER SHIP ITEMS

OTTAWA, April 14.—Early this morning the house of commons voting under closure rules sustained the Meighan government in its shipbuilding program and granted the administration an interim supply vote for carrying on public expenditures for the first part of the present fiscal year. The vote stood 133 to 79 for the government. The division in the house brought to a close one of the bitterest fights in the Canadian parliament since 1913 when the opposition, obstructing the plan of Sir Robert Borden to give financial aid to the British navy, kept the house in continuous session for two weeks.

The present battle began Monday when the opposition objected to an item of \$8,350,000 in the annual estimates for the completion of the government's shipbuilding program and kept parliament sitting throughout the night and all day Tuesday with no respite but the usual dinner adjournments.

STORE IDAHO WOOL PORTLAND, OREGON

BOISE, Idaho, April 14.—Nineteen twenty-one wool clip of Idaho and Oregon will be shipped to Portland and stored until market conditions improve, then will be sent to Boston via canal instead of rail, according to a decision reached yesterday at a conference of wool growers and bankers here called to devise means to finance growers. It was explained it was advisable to store wool in Portland instead of Boston because of the lower storage price. This method will eliminate commission merchant and effect savings for smaller growers, said sheep men.

AMBASSADOR HOTEL S. BARBARA BURNS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 14.—Decision as to re-building the Ambassador hotel, destroyed by fire late yesterday at an estimated loss of \$1,500,000, has not been reached by the Ambassador Hotel corporation, the owner.

FRENCH REPLY REGARDED AS AN ACCEPTANCE

Official Circles in Washington Pleased With Reply to Note on Mandates in Pacific—Text of Communication Is Made Public.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—France's reply to Secretary Hughes' note of April 4 regarding the Japanese mandate over the Pacific Island of Yap is interpreted in official circles here as tantamount to acceptance of the principle laid down by the American government that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in the former German overseas possessions.

PARIS, April 14.—Premier Briand has dispatched to Washington a note acknowledging receipt of the communication from the American state department regarding the mandate over Pacific islands north of the equator given to Japan.

The premier's note says a representative of France will take up the question when it comes before the supreme allied council, with the most ardent desire to find a solution giving satisfaction to the United States.

After acknowledging receipt of the American communication, Premier Briand's note says:

"The memorandum, being addressed to Great Britain, Italy and Japan simultaneously, a reply cannot be made until after an accord between the governments of the four interested powers at the next meeting of the supreme council.

"I desire, however, to declare now that when the question comes before the supreme council the representatives of France will approach the question with the most ardent desire to find a solution satisfactory to the United States. Your excellency knows that already the government of the republic has done all that depended upon it to give its aid in this question to the American government.

"By the note of February 18, after having noted that the decision of May 7, 1919 carried with it no restriction concerning the attribution to Japan of a mandate for the islands of the northern Pacific my department explained your embassy, that however, President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, in the course of the preceding meeting had formulated in the presence of the Japanese representatives categorical reservations on the subject of the Island of Yap, that Baron Aikino (Japanese representative on the supreme council) had not refused to allow discussion of the question raised by the representatives of the United States and that, consequently, the Japanese government had knowledge of the American reservations.

"The note concluded by saying that there were contained in it elements for further conversation between the United States and Japan which the government of the republic would be happy to see result satisfactorily.

"That note was the same day communicated to the Japanese embassy in Paris and your excellency was kind enough to express to my department a lively satisfaction with the same and to give assurance that it would be particularly appreciated in Washington.

EIGHT KILLED BY TORNADO IN TEXAS

MELISSA, Texas, April 14.—Citizens of Melissa today set about affording relief to a large number of families made homeless yesterday by a tornado and fire which swept this little town causing the death of eight persons and the injury of many more. Five of the eight dead are negroes. Five persons were injured possibly fatally, while more than fifty received less serious hurts.

The tornado struck the town from the southwest, demolishing virtually every building in the business district and razing many homes. Fire broke out soon afterward.

WHEAT FALLS BELOW ONE DOLLAR BUSHEL

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 14.—Wheat for July deliveries sold below a dollar a bushel today for the first time since 1916. Today's closing price was 98 cents, a drop of 2 1/2 cents since yesterday.

U. S. Unit in Turkey Cut Off, Stars and Stripes Fired Upon

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 13.—Shooting is going on between Turks and Greeks in the Barding region of Asia Minor, where it is reported neither of the combatants is respecting the American flag hoisted over the Near East relief stations, shots having been fired at the American Women's hospital unit in charge of Mrs. Mabel Nickerson.

Miss Bernice Everett of the Wellesley college unit has been cut off in Bursa, although the orphans in her care have been transferred from that place to Bardizag.

8 STATES NOW HAVE ANTI-JAP LAWS IN FORCE

Seventeen States to Join in Move Started by California to Secure Uniform Basis for Government Action Toward Alien Races.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(Telegram Washington Bureau). V. S. McClatchey of Sacramento, Cal., told the California delegation in congress Monday the inside of the California anti-Japanese land campaign, and as a result of the meeting it is expected that a joint conference of senators and congressmen from the states which plan or now have anti-alien land laws will be held within a few days to formulate a policy of co-operation and perhaps the placing of a memorial before the state department asking that no federal action be taken which will in any way diminish or neutralize the attitude of the various states as to alien land holdings.

From the information developed at the meeting today it was learned that several states have now the same or similar anti-alien land laws as those recently passed by the state of California. These states, which now bar alien land-owning, are Washington, Nevada, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Delaware. In Nebraska a similar bill has passed one house of the legislature and the same course has been followed in Oregon and Idaho. Oklahoma has for a number of years absolutely prohibited alien land owning.

Other States Rules Illinois permits an alien to hold land for six years but at the end of the period he must have become a naturalized citizen or the title to the land reverts to the state, and as Japanese cannot be naturalized, this bars them. Indiana has a similar provision, where the limit is 320 acres and the alien must become a citizen within five years.

Missouri permits only the holding of land by aliens whose country permits similar privilege to Americans by treaty provisions.

Missouri also provide no corporation whose alien stockholders hold more than 20 per cent of the capital may hold land. Pennsylvania has a law prohibiting more than a certain acreage and limiting the annual profits. Kansas reserves to its legislature the right to prescribe the property holding rights of aliens.

Expect Joint Action Kentucky permits aliens to hold property for twenty-five years for business purposes only, and no real estate for any other purpose. Minnesota limits the land holdings of aliens to 50,000 square feet and also provides that no company having more than 20 per cent of the stock owned by aliens may hold real estate.

In view of all this mass of alien land holding prohibition it is probable that concerted action will be taken within a few days for the closer union of all these states having similar laws and the agreement to take common action when necessary to secure federal policy in line with the state legislation.

Information regarding Delaware only came in today, when advices were received in Washington that the bill had become a law.

Portland Flour Falls

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—A decline of 40 cents a barrel on family patent flour was announced by local millers today. This brings the best grades down to \$8.20 a barrel at the mills. Bakers' flour was reduced 50 cents a barrel with prices ranging from \$6 to \$7.50.

MEN SUSPECTED ROBBING BANK ARE CAPTURED

Police Certain "Dutch Pete" and Frank Kodat, Arrested Yesterday, Are Yeggs Who Attempted to Rob Gold Hill Bank Tuesday.

A strange feature of the attempted robbery of the Gold Hill bank late Tuesday night is that it took place just as the president of the bank, Lem Smith, had been tipped off that it would, and as he in turn late last week had informed the sheriff's office and the Medford police, and in spite of the fact that he had made arrangements to frustrate the planned robbery by placing Win. Wise, a resident of Gold Hill, as guard in the bank nightly.

The two alleged robbers were captured in Medford yesterday afternoon and are now in the county jail. They are Pete Lester, alias "Dutch Pete," who it is claimed has served six years in Oregon penitentiary and is known as a bad man, and Frank Kodat, who claims to be a bridge worker by occupation, but who has not worked for six months. Each man is about 45 years old. The pair came here from Portland a week ago and had stopped at different local rooming houses.

It seems that they had been under close surveillance by Deputy Sheriff Joe McMahon and the Medford police since their arrival here, and so the local authorities knew just who to look for as soon as they heard of the attempted Gold Hill bank robbery.

The prisoners identified "Dutch Pete" was arrested at the corner of Main and Front sts., at about 3:30 yesterday afternoon, by Deputy Sheriff McMahon and Patrolman Chas. Adams. An hour later Kodat was picked up by Deputy Sheriff McMahon alone at another Main street corner. Neither offered any resistance.

William Wise, the Gold Hill bank guard, who had a one-sided gun battle with the burglars, positively identifies "Dutch Pete" and Kodat as the two burglars. In addition, Deputy Sheriff McMahon and Chief Timothy and Patrolmen Hempstreet and Adams, who had been watching the pair for days in the city, claim to have positive evidence as to their guilt.

The two men were last seen in the city together early Tuesday evening, conferring on a down town corner, a mystery to the authorities so far inasmuch as they got to Gold Hill from the bank burglary occurred at 1 a. m. Wednesday. It had been learned that no revolvers were found on either prisoner, nor at their rooms. Each of the two bank burglars had entered the bank with a revolver in each hand. The authorities claim that "Dutch Pete" and Kodat cached their guns some place when they fled from the bank.

Although both prisoners talk freely on most subjects, they deny knowing anything about the Gold Hill affair, and are evasive on close questioning as to their movements all during Tuesday night. "Dutch Pete" smiles and says to his questioners frequently "You've got me wrong." He does not know that the authorities have his criminal record, and have had for several days his penitentiary photograph.

Excitement and Shooting. The real story of what happened in the bank when the burglars entered was told after the arrest of "Dutch Pete" and Kodat.

It seems that Guard Wise was concealed in a cupboard in a corner of the banking room when he heard the burglars breaking into the back door at 1 a. m. Wednesday. Fearing in his efforts to force the door, they broke the glass in the upper part of it, reached in and forced the lock back.

"Dutch Pete" first entered with a revolver in each hand, according to Wise, and went over at once to the safe or vault. Wise decided to shoot at the other man first as he came in, as he would have the first man cornered. The banking room was dimly illuminated by a light, which burned in the back room.

When the second burglar entered, also armed with a gun in each hand, Wise fired a shot at him from his 45 caliber Colt revolver, which struck the back of a chair between them. Wise at once shot again, but did not fire any more shots for the reason that the room was so filled with powder smoke as to obstruct his vision. Both burglars by this time were almost breaking their necks getting out of the bank. They had disappeared completely when alarmed citizens, attracted by the noise of the shooting, rushed to the scene with arms a moment later.

Neither burglar fired back at Wise.

DULUTH, Minn., April 14.—Since his cat pal was killed recently by a street car, a Scotch collier stands guard by a certain corner here each day, leaps as street cars pass by, managing to catch the trolley rope in his teeth, pulling the pole from the wire and stopping the car.

Woman's Will Gives \$50,000 to Humane Society of Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—A bequest, valued at approximately \$50,000, is made to the Oregon Humane society for the use and benefit of dumb animals in the will of the late Mrs. Nina Larowe on file for probate in the circuit court today.

A brick building valued at approximately \$25,000 and leased on condition that at least \$25,000 on improvements be made within six years, constitutes the greater part of the estate, and this is willed to the Humane society.

A few small bequests are made to friends in California and New Jersey and the rest of the estate is left to the Salvation Army.

DENIES OPEN SHOP MOVEMENT IS A TRADE CONSPIRACY

NEW YORK, April 14.—Denial that the open shop movement was in any sense a conspiracy of employers was made today by George W. Sisson, president of the American Pulp and Paper association in addressing the convention of that organization.

"I believe," he said, "that the rapid spread and spontaneous support of the open shop movement is but a natural reaction to the extremes of conduct and assertions, local and national, of closed shop unionists. It is not in any sense a 'conspiracy of employers' but flows from an increasingly insistent and very significant popular demand for the return and restoration of such principles as become our institutions."

Mr. Sisson declared it was "time to call a halt on the tendency to government interference in industry."

OREGON PIONEERS MEET JUNE 16TH

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—Members of the Pioneer Association of Oregon will gather for their forty-ninth annual reunion June 16 at the auditorium here, according to announcement by the directors of the organization. The annual address will be delivered by Justice Charles A. Johns, of Salem. The Rev. P. R. Burnett, of Eugene, will serve as chaplain, and T. C. Belcher, of Portland will be grand marshal. The committee on arrangements consists of Miss Ellen Chamberlain, John W. Baker and Geo. H. Himes. The directors chose May 2 for the annual celebration of pioneers at Champeau, the official birthplace of Oregon as a state.

IDAHO SUFFERS FROM ANOTHER BLIZZARD

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, April 14.—With the snow scarcely a melted off the ground from a blizzard ten days ago, another snowstorm struck here this morning accompanied by high winds. These storms follow one of the mildest winters in history.

HARVESTER CO. REDUCES PRICES ON ALL STEEL

CHICAGO, April 14.—Basing its action on the recent reduction in steel prices announced by the United States Steel corporation, the International Harvester company today announced a straight ten per cent reduction, effective next year, on products in which steel is the principal raw material.

The reduction applies chiefly to harvesting machines. "The reduction on steel came after our year's product had been provided for and will have no bearing on the cost of machines we sell this year," the announcement said.

GREAT BRITAIN ABANDONS FOR PRESENT PILGRIMAGE TO CUT DOWN U. S. LOAN

LONDON, April 14.—Lord Chalmers, secretary of the treasury will not sail for the United States Saturday, in connection with the British indebtedness to the United States, as reported and no similar mission is being arranged, according to official circles here today.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Reports from London that Lord Chalmers, permanent secretary of the treasury, would sail Saturday to begin negotiations here for the funding of the British war debt to the United States, although subsequently denied, drew from Secretary Mellon today a statement that the treasury department was expecting early resumption of the negotiations.

There are no arrangements yet for funding conferences with other nations, Mr. Mellon said, but they will be held separately.

Under the present authority, Mr. Mellon said, Great Britain's debt can not be funded beyond the limits of the longest dated Liberty bonds—1947. He added, however, that this did not mean that maturities might not be extended to a later date through legislation which might permit a further extension of Liberty bond maturities.

PRESIDENT'S SELECTION IS OPPOSED

American Legion of Wyoming Protests Nomination of A. D. Walton of Cheyenne as U. S. Attorney—Refusal to Fight Charge—30 Appointments Made.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., April 14.—Telegrams asking that the United States senate refuse to confirm the nomination of A. D. Walton of Cheyenne, as United States attorney for the district of Wyoming, which was sent to the senate today by President Harding, were forwarded to members of the Wyoming congressional delegation today and to Attorney General Daugherty today by Valentine Colonna, state adjutant of the American Legion.

Colonna's message stated that American Legion posts objected to Walton's appointment on the ground that he had "refused a captain's commission."

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Nominations of George Harvey of New York to be ambassador to Great Britain and Myron T. Herrick of Ohio to be ambassador to France, were sent to the senate today by President Harding.

At the same time the president transmitted more than 30 names of men he had given temporary appointments while congress was in recess. The list included the name of John J. Esch of Wisconsin, to be a member of the inter-state commerce commission, whose confirmation was held up by opposition at the last session.

Among the new nominations were: A. D. Walton to be United States attorney for the district of Wyoming. Joseph Montgomery to be registrar of the land office at Lewistown, Mont.

Charles G. Dawes of Chicago, who served as brigadier general in the American expeditionary force and recently headed a committee which investigated governmental relations to service men, was nominated for the rank of brigadier general in the officers' reserve corps.

The following were nominated to be receivers of public moneys: William Ashley at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Roy Henry Fuller at Havre, Mont.

The president also sent to the senate the names of Captain Julian L. Latimer to be judge advocate of the navy and of Captain David Potter to be paymaster general of the navy. The list of promotions of general officers of the army was not transmitted, however. It was indicated that this list would go forward within a few days.