

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 70
Minimum today 37

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, MAY 9, 1921

Predictions

Fair.

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NO BUCK PASSED BERGDOLLESCAPE WITNESS SAYS

Sec. Baker Told Ansell War Department Expected Return of Slacker—Lawyer Testifies Man Who Nominated Wilson Knew All About Gold.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Diplomatic moves for the return of Grover C. Bergdoll, Philadelphia draft evader from Germany are in progress, Major General Peyton C. Marsh, chief of staff of the army today informed the house committee investigating the Bergdoll case.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Edward S. Bailey, law partner of Samuel E. Ansell, counsel for Grover C. Bergdoll, Philadelphia draft evader, told the house investigating committee today that the war department made no attempt to "wash its hands of the case and pass the buck to Ansell," when advised that Bergdoll had escaped. Corroborating the testimony of his partner Mr. Bailey said Secretary Baker refused to see the lawyer, but sent word to Ansell that the department expected him to see that Bergdoll was returned to prison in accordance with promises made when he was released under guard to recover a pot of gold.

The witness said, however, that he did not construe this to be putting the matter "entirely up to Ansell," but assumed that military machinery would be used to pursue the fugitive. Mr. Bailey reiterated that former Judge John W. Westcott of New Jersey was associate counsel in the Bergdoll case, notwithstanding the judge's denial that his name had been mentioned in letters to Major General Harris, adjutant general, and that it was again mentioned in a statement given to the press by Ansell and Bailey a few months after the prisoner had escaped.

Reverting to Judge Westcott's testimony that he knew nothing about the pot of gold story prior to the escape, John H. Sherburne, counsel for the committee asked:

"Was the gold mentioned at the conference with John Westcott, at which plans were discussed for the release to him?"

"Why, absolutely," Mr. Bailey replied.

"There was no question about it. Judge Westcott was there all the time we were talking about it." The chief of staff said his first knowledge of Bergdoll's desire to be liberated under guard to recover buried gold was had when Major General Harris, adjutant general, brought him a letter from Samuel Ansell, former acting judge advocate general, making the request as counsel for Bergdoll. He had asked General Harris if he thought the expedition proper, and received an affirmative answer, General Harris said, and Bergdoll's name next came to his attention when the escape was reported.

The department made continuous efforts to capture Bergdoll, General March said, adding:

"The efforts of these men in Germany to land him by any means have our entire and utmost sympathy." The committee went into executive session to discuss the German phase of the Bergdoll case with General March.

BEAR MOVEMENT AGAINST MOTORS

NEW YORK, May 9.—Moderate reactions attended the resumption of business on the stock exchange today. Motor shares again were most susceptible to the bearish pressure, because of unfavorable trade conditions. Rubber specialties made further concessions in response to lower prices for those products. Minor steels, as well as coppers, leathers and oils, opened fractionally under last week's final quotations. Investment rails showed no definite trend and railway equipments were dull. Exchange on London was firm but leading continental rates reacted substantially from recent high levels.

SLAYER OF HUSBAND SAYS 'NOT GUILTY'

NEW ORLEANS, May 9.—Mrs. Mathilda Levee who Saturday shot and killed her husband, Frederick Levee, on a busy street, pleaded not guilty in city criminal court today. She was held without bail. Mr. and Mrs. Levee formerly were residents of Los Angeles.

Italian Dips Write Police Victims Lie About Amount Lost

GENOA, May 9.—The chief of police in this city has received a letter signed "The Tramways Pickpockets' association" complaining that the persons from whom they abstract pocketbooks have "the dishonest habit" of invariably declaring to the police a much larger financial loss than they have really suffered. They cite specific cases where one man claiming to have been robbed of 2500 lire, only lost fifty and another one reporting a loss of 1800 lire when his pocketbook contained less than 200.

The letter argues that such exaggerations are likely to cause strained relations among the pickpocket fraternity when a member of the association turns in a few hundred lire when the loser claims to have lost thousands.

COAST FRUITMEN GATHER TO TALK OVER SITUATION

All Sections of Oregon and Washington Meet at Yakima—Man Meeting Tomorrow—Present Facts to Interstate Commerce Official.

YAKIMA, Wash., May 9.—Fruit men from every fruitgrowing section in Oregon and Washington are assembled here today to outline the case which will be presented tomorrow to Henry J. Ford, special representative of the interstate commerce commission, at a public hearing here. J. Curtis Robinson leads the sizeable Seattle delegation while Mayor Clifford E. Chase leads the Wenatchee contingent.

Fred Eberle, president of the Yakima traffic and credit association, is at the head of the Yakima growers. E. V. Kuykendall, state director of public works is presiding at today's conference which is being held in the commercial club auditorium. This morning's meeting was largely given over to informal statements about the points to be presented to the commission, while this afternoon definite selections of speakers will be made and the order in which they will appear will be fixed. Tomorrow evening the interstate commerce commission delegation and visiting fruitmen will be entertained at a big banquet.

Renewed efforts to settle the strike of marine workers were made today by Secretary Davis. He conferred with a committee representing the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association which was expected to give him the result of a referendum taken by the local unions on proposals evolved in conferences here last week.

Thomas B. Healy, one of the engineers committee said an agreement could be reached quickly if Chairman Benson of the shipping board, would recede from his declaration that he would discuss no reduction in wages less than 15 per cent.

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PHONES SHERIFF HE IS A MURDERER

EUGENE, Ore., May 9.—Sheriff E. G. Stuckies today received a long distance telephone call from Mezeppa L. Smith, a homesteader at Wolf Creek, saying he had killed Joe Johansen, a homesteader near Hecla Head in Western Lane county. According to Smith's reported statements he shot Johansen in a quarrel over some honey jars which Smith and his half-brother, Carl Allen of Oregon City, were carrying as they crossed Johansen's place returning from a prospecting trip. Officers planned to leave as soon as possible for the scene of the reported crime.

REPEAL PANAMA TOLLS U.S. SHIPS BRITISH PLOT

Senator Knox Says Movement Was Hatched in 1914, and He Had Suspicions, Despite Denial By Sir Edward Grey—Fear Shown, Legal Right.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The movement for the repeal in 1914 of the Panama canal free tolls act "was hatched in the United States," Senator Knox, republican, Pennsylvania, declared today before the senate inter-oceanic canals committee, which began consideration of bills to exempt American vessels from further payment of tolls.

Committee members pressed Senator Knox for an elaboration of his statement, but after pointing out that Sir Edward Grey, the then British foreign minister, had denied in the house of commons that the British foreign office had anything to do with the matter, the senator said he had his "suspicions," but preferred not to discuss the matter further.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, suggested that the trans-continental railroads were greatly interested in repealing the free tolls act and Senator Polindexter, republican, Washington, said it was well known that the Canadian Pacific railroad was greatly interested in the repeal legislation.

The committee heard Senators Jones, republican, Washington and Polindexter, both of whom, with Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, the committee chairman, have bills to exempt American vessels from tolls payment.

Senator Borah's bill would apply only to American coastwise tonnage and some committee members thought it would be "more tactful" to exempt at first only coastwise shipping.

Senators Jones and Polindexter declared that under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with Great Britain, the United States had a right to exempt its shipping from payment of tolls.

ALASKA RIDDEN BY 32 GOVT. BUREAUS

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Unless development of Alaska is stimulated, depopulation will reduce its inhabitants to Eskimos and Indians only, J. L. McPherson, a civil engineer who has spent 23 years in the territory, declared today before the house territories committee. He urged passage of Chairman Curry's bill to create a board of five members to administer the affairs of the territory.

He said it was virtually impossible for white settlers to get possession of Alaska lands or resources without consulting one or a dozen of the 32 different conflicting and overlapping federal bureaus.

200 CLERKS OUT OF WORK, DUE STRIKE

SEATTLE, May 9.—The Pacific Steamship company announced today it had begun laying off approximately 200 clerks employed in Pacific coast ports as a result of the marine tie-up. Between 40 and 500 of the company's regular longshoremen have also been laid off according to the announcement.

The marine situation remained unchanged here today, with no American vessels expected to clear port. The steamer Admiral Schley which arrived last night from San Francisco, was tied up today.

SHANGHAI WAR ON OPIUM PROGRESSES

SHANGHAI, April 14.—(Delayed.) In connection with a campaign opened in March by the executive body of the anti-opium association to check the sale and use of opium and narcotic drugs in Shanghai, a particular effort is to be directed against traffic in what has come to be known as "anti-opium pills." These have been sold commonly in Chinese shops and upon analysis have been found to contain powdered herbs and morphia. They have been sold chiefly to coolies and the poorer classes.

Boy Put Cigarette Amid Dynamite Caps, Blown to Atoms

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, May 9.—When Carl Newman, 15, yesterday attempted to toss a lighted cigarette away, it lodged in his pocket with a number of dynamite caps, exploding them. The lad was blown to pieces and six companions were more or less seriously injured.

POLAND STAGES ANOTHER FIUME AFFAIR, BELIEF

Germany Not Exaggerating Report, Says Berlin—Refains From Sending Troops Into Silesia—Allies Blamed for Disturbance.

BERLIN, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—So far, the German government has refused to send government troops to assist the Silesian Germans, but it is feared here that its resistance cannot last long if the supreme council of the allies does not afford relief from the situation the Poles have created in violation of the council's orders.

It is considered here that French and Polish official circles can hardly continue to sustain the claim that German propagandists have greatly exaggerated the situation, which is regarded in Berlin as a repetition of the experiments of d'Annunzio and Zeligowski at Fiume and Lina, respectively, but upon a much larger scale.

Comment in certain circles indicates that Germany's refusal so far to send government troops into the district is creating sympathy for the German government in those circles. The French exception, and the feeling appears to be growing that the supreme council will treat Germany generously in the dividing of Upper Silesia.

General Lerond, head of the inter-allied commission in Upper Silesia and other French officials are being harshly criticized by the rest of the entente delegations for permitting the adventure of Korfanty, leader of the Polish insurgents, to assume such proportions.

BILLION LOST BY FEDERAL BUNGLING

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Loss to the government in operation of the railroads under federal control will be about \$1,200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 more than estimated by former Director General Hines, according to an estimate today by Director General Davis.

The director general made his estimate in a report to Chairman Good of the house appropriations committee. Because of claims not considered by Mr. Hines which have arisen, Mr. Davis said, and the under-estimate made in the allowance for maintenance, fire losses, additions and betterments made for war purposes, and other accounts, it is the estimate of the director general that the operating loss to the administration will be about \$1,200,000,000.

BASEBALL SCORES

National
First game: R. H. E.
Brooklyn..... 5 11 1
Philadelphia..... 2 8 3
Batteries: Grimes and Miller; G. Smith, Betts, Weimer and Brugg.

Second game: (Ten innings).
Brooklyn..... 2 8 0
Philadelphia..... 3 9 2
Batteries: Cadore, Miljus, Pfeiffer and Kruger; Causey and Peters.

Coast Standings.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Standings of clubs in the Pacific coast baseball league, including yesterday's games follow:
W. L. Pct.
San Francisco..... 22 16 .588
Sacramento..... 19 12 .613
Los Angeles..... 18 12 .581
Oakland..... 17 12 .567
Seattle..... 16 13 .516
Vernon..... 14 13 .458
Salt Lake..... 9 17 .343
Portland..... 7 24 .226

WINTER WHEAT CROP ESTIMATE SHOWS INCREASE

Total Production 629,287,000 Bushels—Average Abandonment of Acreage Less Than Usual—May Condition Indicates Good Yield.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The winter wheat crop was forecast today at 629,287,000 bushels more than estimated a month ago, the total production being estimated at 629,287,000 bushels by the department of agriculture. Acreage abandoned during the winter was less than five per cent of the total area planted last autumn, compared with an average abandonment of 11 per cent during the last ten years. The crop this year is almost 9 per cent larger than last year while the acreage to be harvested is 2.5 per cent more than last year.

The area to be harvested is about 1,884,000 acres, or 4.6 per cent less than the acreage planted last autumn and 948,000 acres or 2.5 per cent more than the acreage harvested last year. The May first condition is indicative of a yield of approximately 16.3 bushels an acre, assuming average variations to prevail throughout the remainder of the season. This would indicate a total production of 8.9 per cent more than in 1920 and 11.4 per cent more than in 1918.

The rye crop this year is forecast at 72,007 bushels, based on the condition of the crop May 1 which was 92.5 per cent of a normal. The forecast a month ago was 66,386,000 bushels based on the condition of the crop April 1 which was 90.3 per cent of a normal. The crop last year was 69,318,000 bushels and the condition May 1 was 85.1 while the 1919 crop was 88,909,000 bushels and the May ten year average condition is 89.9 per cent of a normal.

Hay production this year is forecast at 107,784,000 tons compared with 108,233,000 tons last year and 109,152,000 tons in 1919.

The condition of meadow (hay) lands May 1 was 91.5 per cent of a normal, compared with 89.4 per cent a year ago and a ten year average on May 1 of 89.1 per cent.

The expected hay acreage is placed at 73,842,000 acres this year, comprising 58,879,000 acres of tame and 14,963,000 acres of wild, compared with a total area last year of 73,181,000 acres.

Stocks of hay on farms May 1 were estimated at 18,440,000 tons or 18 per cent of the 1920 crop, compared with 11,345,000 tons or 10.4 per cent in 1920 and 11,498,000 tons, or 11.6 per cent the May 1 five year average.

The average condition of spring pastures May 1 was 91.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 79.8 a year ago and 84.6, ten year average.

Spring plowing was 77.8 per cent completed May 1, compared with 60.1 a year ago, and 69.3, the ten year average.

Spring planting was 63.5 per cent completed May 1, compared with 50.2 per cent a year ago and 57.5 the ten year average.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS DISCUSS PAYING HI JOHNSON FAVORS PRIMARY CONTROL

BERLIN, May 9.—National committee of the majority socialist and democratic parties assembled here today to discuss the attitude these organizations would take relative to the international situation arising from the presentation of the allied ultimatum regarding reparations.

Dr. Wilhelm Mayer, German ambassador to France, has declined the invitation of President Ebert to form a new ministry, and the German people's party, is strongly opposed to acceptance of the allied terms.

VICTORY BOND THIEF GETS PRISON TERM

TORONTO, Ont., May 9.—John Doughty, convicted of stealing \$105,000 in Victory bonds from Ambrose Small, missing theatrical man, today was sentenced to six years in the provincial penitentiary. Crown authorities indicated they might drop for the present the charge that Doughty, Small's secretary had conspired to kidnap him.

M'Namara Out of Prison Tomorrow, Will Address Union

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—John J. McNamara, who will complete a penitentiary sentence tomorrow for dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron Works at Los Angeles, has been invited to address a meeting of his former union, the Bridge and Structural Ironworkers here Wednesday night, according to an announcement appearing today in the San Francisco Bulletin.

McNamara was secretary of the international organization of the union when he pleaded guilty to the dynamiting charge.

EUROPE HANGS ON WAR BRINK OVER SILESIA

Possibility of German-Pole Clash Alarms Entente—Civil War Spreads—Allied Council in Effort to Quiet Unrest Asks Polish Influence

BERLIN, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Genuine alarm seems to be felt in entente circles in Berlin that the Polish insurgent seizure of Upper Silesia may result in a Germano-Polish war with the possibility of all central Europe being involved in another conflict.

From all accounts, civil war is spreading throughout Upper Silesia, the Germans having organized locally to repulse the invaders.

PARIS, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allied council of ambassadors, with Ambassador Wallace present as a representative of the United States, decided today in an effort to quiet the unrest in Upper Silesia, to ask the inter-allied commission in the district to inform the population of the exact state of affairs, explaining that no decision had been taken as to division of the territory.

The council also decided to urge Poland to control the Poles in connection with the existing conditions.

LONDON, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George in the house of commons today said that while he might not be prepared to agree with the contention that Germany's answer to the allied reparations demand would necessarily be influenced by the Silesian trouble, yet it was very unfortunate that this incident should have arisen at the moment when Germany was deciding as to the disarmament demands.

Asked if Great Britain could not do more towards settling the trouble by influencing the Polish government, the prime minister said:

"We are doing everything in our power to bring such pressure as we can on the Polish government."

HI JOHNSON FAVORS PRIMARY CONTROL

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Senator Johnson, republican, California, introduced today a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to give congress authority to regulate state primaries. It is designed to meet the situation arising from the decision of the supreme court in the Newberry case that congress was without power to regulate primaries.

Senator Newberry returned today to his seat in the senate.

FRENCH DIPLOMAT COMMITS SUICIDE

ROME, May 9.—(By Associated Press.) Francesco Tedesco, former minister of France and the treasury and vice president of the chamber of deputies, committed suicide today by jumping from a window. Signor Tedesco was suffering from nephritis.

INVADE GERMANY FOR DISARMMENT AND NON-PAYING

Troops to Be Held Ready for Occupation June 30, if Reparation Terms Not Met—France Notifies Berlin to Keep Out of Polish Mess.

PARIS, May 9.—Even if the Germans accept the allied reparations ultimatum, the troops mobilized for the occupation will be held in readiness for action in case Germany does not disarm before June 30, the time limit designated by the allies for completion of the disarming process, it was stated in official circles today.

PARIS, May 9.—A Berlin dispatch to the Matin says the French ambassador has informed the German foreign office that all incursions of German government troops into Upper Silesia would be considered by France as a violation of the Versailles treaty.

Advices from Beuthen state that an offensive against the Poles who have virtually taken over most of Upper Silesia, is being planned by German civilian guards, which are being concentrated along the Oder river.

The inter-allied commission at Oppeln is reported to have issued an appeal to the people of that city exhorting them to be calm and declaring that Oppeln will be defended against all attacks.

PARIS, May 9.—France today replied to the note which Germany last week addressed to the allies in which attention was called to the Polish insurgent movement in Upper Silesia. The reply assures Germany that the allied forces in the district have no need of outside help. It points that troubles were due at least in part, to false rumors that the mining district had been awarded to Germany and it states that the allies are doing their full duty under the circumstances and already are re-establishing order.

JOHNART NAMED AS VATICAN ENVOY

PARIS, May 9.—Charles Jonart, formerly allied high commissioner in Athens and former extraordinary ambassador to the vatican, has been definitely selected by the French government, according to L'Eclair today, as France's ambassador to the vatican. The mission, says the newspaper, will be a temporary one for a period of six months, but subject to renewal.

Pope Benedict, L'Eclair states, has chosen Monsignor Cerretti, papal under secretary of state, as nuncio at Paris, under the same conditions.

STARVING CHINA TO HAVE BIG STADIUM

SHANGHAI, April 8.—(Delayed.)—A stadium to cost approximately \$500,000 to be built in Shanghai in time for the far Eastern championship games in 1927, is a project favored by Dr. John Gray, secretary of the China committee for the 1927 Shanghai games to be held in May. Admiral James Straus, commander in chief of the United States Asiatic fleet has been asked to visit Shanghai with the fleet in May while the games are in progress.

LINDSAY WINS IN JUVENILE CASE

DENVER, May 9.—Judge Warren A. Haggott of the district court handed down a written opinion today declaring he had no right to issue a writ of execution in the case of Juvenile Judge Ben E. Lindsey, who is under sentence to pay a fine of \$500 or go to jail, following Lindsey's conviction on charges of contempt of court. Judge Haggott said the matter was up to the district attorney.