

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 67
Minimum today 43
Precipitation .16

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Fair.

Daily—Sixteenth Year
Weekly—Fifty-first Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, MAY 16, 1921

NO. 47

L. GEORGE IS WILLING TO TALK PEACE

Irish Journal States British Premier Has Offered to Meet Eamonn DeValera Without Conditions—Latter May Make Reply—4 Officials Killed in Ambush.

DUBLIN, May 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George says the Freeman's Journal today, has offered to meet Eamonn DeValera, or other Irish leaders, without conditions. Mr. DeValera, adds the newspaper, replied that if the premier made such a statement public he (DeValera) would give a public reply.

Early this month a conference occurred between Eamonn DeValera and Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier designate, at which these two leaders of their respective sections of opinion in Ireland talked over the situation. The meeting was said to have been without tangible results, with respect to the warfare in Ireland, but the fact that it was held was commented upon in Dublin castle and other circles as a hopeful sign.

DUBLIN, May 16.—Three government officers and the wife of one of them were shot and killed in an ambush last night at Ballyeiren, four miles from Gort, county Galway. The party was riding in a motor car when it was ambushed by forty men.

Military and police reinforcements went to the scene. Three were fired upon and one constable was severely wounded.

Irish Fire Liverpool Houses. LIVERPOOL, May 16.—Six houses in widely separated parts of this city were raided and set afire by unidentified parties last night. The occupants of every house thus visited have relatives serving in the royal Irish constabulary. The inmates were in some cases bound and gagged, the furniture was drenched with kerosene and set afire and in some instances the helpless people were left to the mercy of the flames by the raiders who fled in automobiles.

The raids were in all ways similar to those made in suburban districts of London and in this city Saturday night.

One house that was raided was occupied by a widow and her daughter. The latter opened the door when there was a knock and she was seized by the throat by the intruder. She struggled and fled to her mother and then fainted. The women were too terrified to raise an alarm.

In another house were three sisters who were overawed by a dozen men who displayed revolver and threatened to shoot them if they stirred.

A terrier attacked the raiders when they assailed his 77-year-old master and prevented them from setting fire to the house. When the raiders ran, the dog chased them, but was shot dead.

A sailor named Brailsford, who lost a leg in the famous naval raid on Zebrugge, refused to throw up his hands when men broke into his house, but threw a sewing machine at the intruders, who fled, firing their revolvers.

None of the raiders has been arrested.

DAUGHTER, GOVERNOR COX DIES SUDDENLY

DAYTON, Ohio, May 16.—Mrs. Helen Cox Mahoney, 25, daughter of former Governor James M. Cox, democratic candidate for president last fall, died suddenly at her home in Oakwood, a suburb, today. She apparently had been in good health until the moment of her death. Her husband, D. J. Mahoney, is general manager of the former governor's newspaper here.

GOVERNMENT WINS CAPITAL ASSET CASE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS ARE INVOLVED

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The government won today in the supreme court its contention that increased value of any capital assets must be considered in a corporation's profits when taxes are computed. The court's decision was given in the appeal of LaBelle Iron Works from a ruling of the treasury that ore lands purchased for \$190,000 in 1904 must be returned in the 1917 report at \$10,000,000 and a profits tax paid on the difference. The opinion today sustained this ruling. "The meaning of the act as to in-

Gun Duel Between Father and Son Is Fatal to Both Men

KALAMA, Wash., May 16.—Harvey Riker, 55, a rancher on the Little Kalamia river 15 miles east of Woodland, Wash., was killed instantly today and his son Fred Riker, 20, died two hours later as a result of a duel with firearms between the two men. According to Coroner Johnson, who returned here last night from the scene of the double killing, the men quarreled in the son's house and as the father drew a revolver the son seized a rifle. The two men fired at the same instant, Coroner Johnson said. Mrs. Riker told him, the father dying at once with a bullet through the head and the son falling with a bullet through the breast.

CARPENTIER IS CONFIDENT OF BEATING JACK

French Heavyweight Champion Arrives in New York Brimming With Confidence—Certain of Victory—Training to Be in Secret.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Georges Carpentier, European heavyweight champion arrived today from France to prepare for his international battle with Jack Dempsey at Jersey City July 2. The French pugilist, with his party, was the center of interest when La Savoie docked. The challenger immediately was surrounded by a delegation of newspaper men and photographers. Carpentier appeared to be in excellent condition and fairly radiated confidence. Most of the questions asked him were answered by an interpreter, but occasionally Georges would inject a direct reply.

This was the case when he was asked who would win the big fight. Without a second's hesitation he replied with a smile, "I." Manager Francois Descamps stated that Carpentier and his party, comprising Paul Journee, a French lightweight; Henri Mercot, training camp cook and a Belgian police dog, Carpentier's favorite pet, would go direct to the training quarters at Manhasset, Long Island, this afternoon and would not leave until it was time to proceed to Jersey City for the championship battle.

Training in Private. Joe Jeannette, negro heavyweight, will go to Manhasset with the French party today and several other sparring partners soon will be added to the camp. Descamps reiterated the statement that virtually all of Carpentier's training would be done behind closed gates and that there would be little attempt to work out in public.

Dempsey's challenger said he weighed about 175 pounds and never felt better. In answer to a question as to how long the bout would last, he replied with a smile that he would be able to tell that on the afternoon of July 2. Carpentier snapped back an emphatic "yes" when asked whether he would return to this country to defend the world's title should he defeat Dempsey. He further stated that he hoped Dempsey would be in perfect condition when they met in order that the sport of boxing might be improved by a real contest of such international importance.

U. S. Polo Team Beaten. LONDON, May 16.—The American polo players, C. C. Mumsey, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., J. Watson Webb and Devereau Milburn were defeated in a practice game today by the Hurlingham team. The score was 3 goals to 2.

DOG SAVES MISTRESS FROM WATERY GRAVE

LONDON, May 16.—Four American women engaged in relief work at Constantinople narrowly escaped drowning in the Bosphorus yesterday says the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail. They were in a row boat in midstream, when it sprang a leak and quickly sank. A Miss Cushman sank, but upon rising managed to seize her dog by the collar and the animal dragged her to safety. Miss Asleers and Mrs. Uhle swam ashore. The fourth member of the party was a Miss Caldwell.

POLAND CRISIS TO BE SETTLED BY CONFERENCE

Full Meeting Supreme Council May Be Called to Settle Revolt in Silesia—Poles Refuse to Withdraw—Germans Oppose Advance.

LONDON, May 16.—There may be a full meeting of the supreme allied council for the purpose of discussing the situation which has arisen in Silesia as a result of the Polish revolt there.

Despatches from Paris indicate that Premier Briand intends to lay the situation before the French chamber of deputies when it meets Thursday. There has been an exchange of views between the British and French government but suggestions that a meeting be held have met with assertions in Paris that it would be impossible for the French premier to discuss the Silesian affair with Mr. Lloyd George until after Thursday.

Advices over the week-end appeared to indicate a cessation of fighting in Upper Silesia but there was nothing to show that the Poles were withdrawing from the regions they occupied during the past two weeks.

Indignant comments of the French press regarding Prime Minister Lloyd George's speech on Poland before the house of commons Friday attracted much attention from London newspapers today. For the most part they were regretted and deprecated although in quarters where Lloyd George's attitude relative to Poland is condemned blame was placed upon him.

BERLIN, May 16.—German newspapers express pleasure over declarations made Friday by Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain relative to the situation in Upper Silesia but most of them give warning against a German march into Silesia, unless such a movement should be requested by the entente powers. They declare that such an advance would result in war with both France and Poland.

"If Adalbert Korfanty should presume to take possession of any disputed territory without permission from the entente," said the Lokal Anzeiger, "we shall be exempt from all our obligations and duties."

FALL CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH AT FOREST GROVE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 16.—Assignment of bishops to preside over the fall conferences in the various areas was taken up as part of the business today by the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church. Bishop E. G. Richardson of Atlanta, chairman of the committee in charge of fall conference arrangements, had a report ready for presentation. Portland area—Bishop W. O. Shepard—Pacific German to meet at Portland, August 24; Columbia river conference, Spokane, Wash., August 31; Pacific Swedish conference, Seattle, Wash., September 3; Puget Sound conference, Tacoma, September 14; Western Norwegian-Danish, Seattle, September 21; Oregon conference, Forest Grove, Ore., October 5.

San Francisco area—Bishop A. W. Leonard—Pacific Chinese mission San Francisco, September 16; Pacific Japanese mission, San Jose, September 19; California conference, San Jose, September 21; Southern California, Los Angeles, October 5; California German conference, Anaheim October 12; Latin-American mission, Los Angeles June 2.

DOG SAVES MISTRESS FROM WATERY GRAVE

LONDON, May 16.—Four American women engaged in relief work at Constantinople narrowly escaped drowning in the Bosphorus yesterday says the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail. They were in a row boat in midstream, when it sprang a leak and quickly sank. A Miss Cushman sank, but upon rising managed to seize her dog by the collar and the animal dragged her to safety. Miss Asleers and Mrs. Uhle swam ashore. The fourth member of the party was a Miss Caldwell.

Senator Pomerene Ridicules Idea of a War With Japan

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Senator Pomerene, democrat, Ohio, opened debate on the naval appropriation bill today, urging economy by reducing armaments. He derided the probability of war with any nation, though some persons, he said, were filled with hysteria over the "Island of Yap."

"But Island of Yap, on no island, there isn't going to be any war with Japan in the near future," Mr. Pomerene declared. Supporting the Borah amendment for a disarmament conference Senator Pomerene also urged his own amendment authorizing the president to suspend capital ship construction for six months to investigate their future value.

Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, introduced an amendment to prohibit the use of the navy to "coerce or compel collection of any private claim, grant or concession."

CHICAGO BANKER OPPOSES REPEAL EXCESS PROFITS

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Tax revision hearings were given a new twist before the senate finance committee today by H. Archibald Harris of Chicago, who took a positive stand for continuation of the excess profits tax and urged exemption of corporation dividends from such taxes. He was the first witness before any congressional committee at this session to propose retention of the excess profits tax provisions of the present revenue laws.

He told the committee that in his opinion it should direct efforts toward reduction of tax free securities. He also suggested a reduction of the higher tax rates on personal incomes. By shifting the 1917 returns, the returns, the treasury is shaking out around \$45,000,000 a month in extra taxes, Mr. Harris said, and predicted that when examination of the 1918 returns gets under way the income from bank taxes will jump to between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000 a month.

"This will mean," he added, "that between \$1,800,000,000 and \$2,520,000,000 in additional taxes will be assessed in the next three years."

In the next three years he said the government should receive between \$2,340,000,000 and \$3,276,000,000 from 1918, which treasury officials have not counted on as yet in any of their computations.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS LOSE OUT

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Federal reserve banks have not the right to insist on par collection of checks of non-member banks, the supreme court ruled today in effect.

The court reversed decrees of Georgia courts which had refused to enforce the federal reserve bank of Atlanta from taking steps to force collection of checks drawn on a number of Georgia state non-member banks "except through the usual and ordinary channels."

BASEBALL SCORES

Table with columns for National and American leagues, listing teams and scores.

PARENTS, MRS. SOUTHARD, NOT TO GIVE HELP

Mrs. Trueblood Declares She Won't Aid Daughter Financially in Trial for Murder of Husbands—If Guilty Money Is Useless.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, May 16.—William J. Trueblood, 57, and Mrs. Laura Trueblood, 52, will not contribute financially to the defense of their daughter, Mrs. Lydia Trueblood Southard, who was last Thursday arrested at Honolulu to be returned here to stand trial for the murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer. Mrs. Trueblood said today at the modest farm home of the family seven miles southwest of Twin Falls. She added that she expressed the views of her husband when she said:

"We have hoped and believed all along that Lydia is innocent. If she is guilty, not all the money we have and could raise would save her, and if she was guilty of all that is charged against her, she should be punished. This is hard for a mother to say but I am sure our decision must be the right one."

The mother bore evidence of the strain to which she had been subjected on her daughter's account—a strain that was not of a few days duration but which had extended over a period of months dating from the death of Meyer and the disappearance of their daughter soon afterward with the finger of suspicion even then pointing at her. "We had hoped it was all settled," Mrs. Trueblood said today.

"We heard from Lydia only once after she left here following Meyer's funeral last September," Mrs. Trueblood said. "That was a telegram telling us she had arrived in California. She had written to us frequently whenever she had been away from home before."

While in California, for several weeks last fall with a view to moving the family home, Mr. Trueblood visited Los Angeles, Long Beach and other cities in an unsuccessful effort to locate his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Trueblood are the parents of eight children ranging in age from seven to 33 years of whom Lydia, or Ann Eliza, as her mother declares she was christened, is the third child and the second daughter.

May Cable Charge. SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Mrs. Nellie Ormsby, matron of the county jail at Twin Falls, Idaho, arrived today with extradition papers for Mrs. Lydia Eva Southard, former Twin Falls resident, who is under arrest at Honolulu on a charge of murdering her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer at Twin Falls. Mrs. Ormsby joined her husband, V. H. Ormsby, Twin Falls deputy sheriff, who was detailed to return Mrs. Southard for trial and who arrived here Friday. The Ormsbys will depart on the steamer Matsonia Wednesday if the ship strike does not detain them.

When advised of reports from Honolulu that Mrs. Southard could not be held beyond a certain period of time if no complaint was lodged against her there Ormsby said he was prepared to have the formal charge cabled to Honolulu if necessary in order to insure her detention.

Washington News of Interest to Oregon

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Congressman Hawley has received word that the navy department had detailed a naval vessel for Nehalem bay for the celebration of July Fourth under auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Senator McNary this morning took up with the secretary of war and recommended that favorable action be taken on the request of the Oregon Reserve Officers' association of Portland immediately to organize the reserve arms of the army, the same as is being done in the east at this time, and they specifically requested that Portland be made headquarters for the 51st regiment.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Senator McNary is awaiting the paper of the Oregon Bar association before appearing before the supreme court in the Albers case and the papers are expected almost any day.

Broomspun Wins. BALTIMORE, May 16.—Broomspun won the \$40,000 Preakness at Pimlico this afternoon. Polly Ann was second, Jez third.

Measurement of the speed of earthquakes proves that the earth inside is rigid and not liquid.

Senate Committee Raises Army Bill To 175,000 Total

WASHINGTON, May 16.—An army of 175,000 men was decided on today by the senate military affairs sub-committee considering the army appropriation bill. The measure as passed by the house provided for an army of 150,000. In fixing the army strength at 175,000 men, the sub-committee acceded to the request of Secretary Weeks that such minimum be provided even if other items had to be decreased. The bill to be laid before the full committee would carry \$339,859,000 as compared with \$320,765,000 in the house measure and \$346,000,000 in the bill vetoed by President Wilson.

SEN. CUMMINS IS DISGUSTED WITH R. ROADS

Chairman of Interstate Commerce Committee Tells Julius Kruttschnitt U. S. Railroads Must Do Better or Quit—Should Reduce Costs.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—"If the American railroads can't do better this year than last they won't last very long," Chairman Cummins of the senate inter-state commerce committee told Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific board today when the senate's railroad investigation was resumed. The witness agreed.

Senator Cummins endeavored to show that falling prices of materials used by railroads was reducing costs, but Mr. Kruttschnitt said he did not have compiled statistics on the subject.

Steel rails, the largest item in maintenance material costs, had increased in price during the last two years, he said.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio was called to the stand when Mr. Kruttschnitt was excused temporarily.

"There has been some fear of difficulties in financing railroads," he said, "and the provisions of the transportation act assuring rates high enough to pay a return on the capital may have seemed merely academic, but I believe that the knowledge that roads would ultimately secure this return under the policy laid down has sustained confidence among investors."

ALIENS CAN'T SEND FOR RELATIVES

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Alien residents in the United States have no legal right to demand the admittance of relatives, the supreme court ruled in effect today in upholding decisions of California courts in the appeal of Yee Won, a Chinaman who sought to bring his wife and two minor children with him on his return to this country from a visit to China. The immigration authorities refused to admit them.

SEC. Y OF AGRICULTURE WALLACE TAKES FIRM STAND AGAINST ALASKA BILL

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Opposition to the bill to create an Alaskan development board was expressed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in a letter to Representative Curry of California, chairman of the public committee on territories. "The enactment of this measure," Secretary Wallace said, "would be highly prejudicial to national interests and to Alaskan interests as well. It would remove wholesome checks against the exploitation of our vast national interests and to Alaskan interests as well. It would remove wholesome checks against the exploitation of our vast national resources and would deprive Alaska of the technical help of the federal agencies which combine long experience and the best scientific knowledge in studying and developing specific natural resources."

SUPREME C'T UPHOLDS DRY LAW AGAIN

J. J. Dillon of San Francisco Loses Appeal—"Harding Amendment" Not Destructive of Law's Validity—Court Holds Prohibition in Effect January 16, 1920.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The requirement that the prohibition amendment be ratified within seven years by three-fourths of the states does not invalidate the entire measure, the supreme court today ruled.

The decision was given in the appeal of J. J. Dillon of San Francisco, from decisions in lower courts refusing his petition for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the limitation made the amendment invalid.

Dillon was arrested while transporting a case of wine to the home of its owner. His counsel asserted that section three of the amendment, originally proposed by Senator Harding, placed a limitation on the action of the state legislatures and was therefore unconstitutional.

"We find that proposal and ratification of an amendment are treated as succeeding acts in a common endeavor, the opinion said, "and there is a fair implication that they should be fairly contemporaneous." In the course of the decision, the court ruled formally that the prohibition amendment went into effect January 16, 1920. Dillon's alleged offense was on January 17, 1920.

Article five of the constitution makes no limitation of the ratification period, the court said, and this section covers the amending powers of congress.

Congress had in mind the fact that two proposed amendments had lain dormant for almost a century, after they were submitted, the court said, and a majority of both houses "evidently thought some limitation was necessary."

ESTATE TAX HELD VALID BY COURT

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The estate tax provided in the revenue act of 1916 was held valid today by the supreme court in passing upon the appeal of executors of the estate of the late J. Harsen Purdy of New York.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Estate taxes paid under state laws cannot be deducted from the "net estate" upon which a tax is affixed under the federal revenue act of 1916, the supreme court ruled today in affirming decrees of federal courts in New York in a suit brought by the executors of the estate of the late J. Harsen Purdy.

ENGLAND IS ALSO HIT BY AURORA BOREALIS

LONDON, May 16.—Telegraph and telephone lines in the British Isles and throughout all northern Europe have been seriously interrupted by the great magnetic storm which virtually paralyzed wire transmission in the United States Saturday night and Sunday. Cables between England and the United States were affected early this morning and transmission was badly delayed.

The disturbance is believed to have caused a fire which destroyed a telephone exchange at Karlstad, a Swedish town about 160 miles west of Stockholm. The building was destroyed.