

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 45
Minimum today 39
Precipitation .54

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

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

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1921

NO. 214

ARBUCKLE WITNESS HELD FOR PERJURY

VIRGINIA NOT AWAY DAY NAMED

Mrs. Minnie Neighbors' Testimony Refuted—Warrant Issued—State in Rebuttal Weakens Defense—Miss Morgan's Story of Being Influenced Denied.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—A warrant charging Mrs. Minnie Neighbors of Los Angeles, a defense witness, with perjury in her testimony in the Roscoe Arbuckle manslaughter trial was procured today from the bond and warrant clerk's office by District Attorney Mathey Brady.

Mrs. Neighbors had testified that in August, 1921, Virginia Rappe, to whose death it is alleged Arbuckle contributed, was a guest at Wheeler's Hot Springs, near Los Angeles. Brady applied for a warrant for Mrs. Neighbors after two persons had testified today that Miss Rappe was elsewhere at the time specified by Mrs. Neighbors.

Mrs. Josephine Hardebeck, housekeeper for Miss Rappe in Los Angeles, said Miss Rappe "had never been away overnight" during the time covered Mrs. Neighbors' statement.

Mrs. Mary Paullin, hostess at Wheeler's said Miss Rappe's name did not appear on the register and she had no recollection of having seen Miss Rappe.

The prosecution expects to complete rebuttal evidence today in the Arbuckle case. The defense announced it does not expect to introduce any rebuttal or answering evidence.

Gavin McNab, chief defense counsel, announced his willingness to submit the case to the jury without argument. The prosecution did not make known its decision in this regard.

Harry Boyle, assistant manager of the Hotel St. Francis, where Miss Rappe is alleged to have been fatally injured while attending a party in Arbuckle's rooms, testified today that two of the rooms involved had not been vacated by Arbuckle and the time they were taken in charge by the police. One of the rooms is that in which Miss Rappe is said to have been injured.

Frank Latulipe, diagram expert for the police department testified that he had measured the doors in the rooms involved.

E. O. Heinrich, consulting criminologist was recalled as a prosecution witness. He said he examined with a microscope the floor of the rooms where Miss Rappe is said to have been attacked.

He said he found "a large amount of dust, many specimens of human hair giving no indication of sex, two women's tortoise shell hair pins, a specimen of women's hair, phonograph needles, and a white feather."

Heinrich said he found scratches on the door paneling and six of the hair specimens found corresponded to the hair of Miss Rappe.

Prize Winning Fowls Stolen; Recovered With Heads Gone

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29.—Eighteen prize Buff Orpington chickens, including winners of first prizes at the Pacific International Livestock exposition poultry show and at the Oregon and Washington state fairs were stolen last night from the poultry house of J. C. McElroy in this city. A patrolman arrested Frank Johnson, colored, not far from McElroy's place and charged he had found the chickens in Johnson's possession in two suitcases. The chickens' heads had been severed with a safety razor blade.

DEFENSE OPENS STILLMAN SUIT, OVER BOY GUY

Register of St. Regis Hotel Is Shown to Prove Banker, Wife and Children Occupied Suite February, 1918—Indian Guide Was Along.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 29.—As a defense of the paternity of Baby Guy Stillman, the register of the St. Regis hotel in New York was introduced today in the divorce suit of James A. Stillman against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman to show that Mr. and Mrs. Stillman had a suite of rooms there for two weeks beginning February 15, 1918, nine months before the birth of Guy on February 16.

It was said, the register disclosed that Fred Beauvais, part Indian guide who Mr. Stillman alleges is Guy's father, was assigned to a room at the St. Regis, and a notation made to charge it to Mr. Stillman's account.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman, Beauvais, two of the Stillman children and a nurse remained at the hotel two weeks, it is understood to have been testified by Charles Nascond and Theodore Roth, employees of the St. Regis.

Just before the hearing began, Mrs. Stillman arrived by train and walked to the chambers of Referee Daniel J. Gleason. Mr. Stillman, as usual, was not in attendance.

Several subpoenaed witnesses were reported ill. Beauvais' room was on the fourth floor and the Stillman suite on the sixth floor, Nascond was said to have testified. He told of seeing Mr. Stillman enter the apartment where his wife was a guest, more than once, it was reported.

Roth, a head waiter, testified that Mrs. Stillman often dined with her mother, Mrs. James Brown Potter, but he had never seen her with her husband although he had noticed both of them at the hotel.

When these two witnesses had been cross-examined, an adjournment was taken until next Tuesday.

FRANCE AND ITALY AGREE ON NAVIES
WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French and Italian arms conference delegations, it was learned today, have had occasion to talk with each other on the subject of the relative naval strength of their respective countries. The French position is that France has no objection whatever to Italy having the same size navy as France, which it is contended should eventually be 300,000 tons of capital ships and 75,000 tons of submarines.

ALLIED WAR DEBT BARRED ARMS MEET

President Orders That Any Association Formed Not to Be Rival of L. of N.—Postpone 'Big Five' Naval Expert's Meeting—Jap-U. S. Issues Not Serious.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British arms conference delegation through an authorized spokesman today took occasion to state positively again that there was no intention on the part of the British government of bringing up the subject of international indebtedness at the conference. It was said the conference was adhering strictly to the agenda so far as could be observed and the British delegates had no intention of asking the other delegates to extend the jurisdiction of the conference.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Harding's suggestion for a continuing conference of nations is expected by administration officials to become the subject of formal discussion before the present conference ends.

It was indicated in official quarters today that although the president had no intention of complicating the Far Eastern and armaments negotiations by bringing the subject before the conference, he fully expected that before these questions are out of the way there will be a serious effort for an agreement for future similar meetings.

As a result of foreign comment on the president's suggestion, it was also declared by an administration spokesman that there was no intention that any "association of nations" resulting from these conferences should become in any way a rival of the League of Nations.

The president's position was said to be that the new "association" should not have the attitude of "an undermining agency" for the league.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The meeting today of the "big five" naval experts, the first general conference of the naval men scheduled for nearly a week, was postponed until tomorrow at the request of one of the delegation making the request was given. Standing on the sidelines in a more favorable position for forming of a cool judgment as to the ultimate outcome of the differences between the American and Japanese naval experts, some of the foreign delegates have reached the conclusion that nothing has really occurred that is likely to prevent a satisfactory solution of the problem.

These delegates assert that the spirit which has animated all of the deliberations has been so admirable as to insure mutual concessions and the solution of the issues in a reasonable way.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By Associated Press.)—Coincident with the first meeting today in nearly a week of the committee of naval experts the question of a sixty or seventy per cent naval ratio for Japan had become the outstanding issue of the conference through the definite announcement by Vice Admiral Kato, chief Japanese naval expert, that Japan wants the 70 per cent status. In the first authoritative announcement that Japan sought to replace the 5-5-3 ratio basis of the American naval limitation proposal, giving her a 60 per cent status, with a 70 per cent ratio for her fleet, Vice Admiral Kato declared this was the minimum necessary for Japan's security.

Against this definite announcement of the Japanese position the American naval experts still gave every indication today of firm adherence to the view that 60 per cent for Japan is the maximum naval strength that could be accepted in view of American liabilities and interests in the Pacific.

In addition to a final agreement looked for today to gradually abolish the system of extraterritorial rights in China, under which foreign governments have set up their own courts there, the Far Eastern committee of the conference also was prepared to

Capitalize "Unrest."
SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 29.—The West should capitalize the unrest and unemployment situation by pushing reclamation plans that will provide homes for the former service men and work for the army of unemployed, Governor D. W. Davis of Idaho, president of the Western States Reclamation association, declared today at the opening meeting of the association held here.

LAUNCH PLANS FOR FORMATION OF GOLF CLUB

200 Members at Initiation Fee of \$100 Each—Mayor Gates Appoints Committee to Canvass—Another Meeting in 15 Days.

At a well attended meeting last night of those persons interested in forming a Medford golf club and establishing first class golf grounds, after discussing the subject from all points of view and considering various plans of organization, a tentative plan for the latter was decided on.

This plan is for the new club to consist of 200 members who will pay in an initiation fee of \$100 each, which will constitute a share in the property of the club to be acquired later, and to pay annual dues of \$40 each. A committee is to be appointed by Mayor Gates, who was chairman of the meeting, to endeavor to sign up 200 prospective members on these terms, and a meeting will be held in 15 days to receive the report. R. H. McCurdy is the secretary of this committee.

The consensus of opinion was that before making any move to acquire the land for golf links the club should be sure of its organization and the wherewithal to pay for and improve the same. It is estimated that it would take all of the \$20,000 thus raised to buy the land and convert it into first class links. Funds for a club house would have to be raised later on, after the grounds had been established.

Only two sites for the golf grounds on which options are already held, were considered at the meeting last night, one of 80 acres, and another of 67 acres, at a cost of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The matter of grounds will be decided as soon as the organization plan is perfected. It is claimed that under the \$200 membership and \$40 yearly dues plan, 125 persons signed up recently in only an afternoon's solicitation. If this plan does not go through another plan will be tried out.

A. BORDE HURLED IN SCALDING VAT

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 29.—Albert Borde of Jacksonville, about 60 years of age, is in a very critical condition as a result of his falling into a vat of boiling water Sunday afternoon while helping A. Mee on Thompson creek, scald hogs.

Borde had placed a rope around one of the hogs, and was dragging it toward the vat, when the rope slipped, precipitating him into the boiling water. About two-thirds of his body was badly burned. Dr. E. J. Billick, who was called, again visited his patient this morning, reports that though Borde was able to sleep for a short time, his condition is in no wise improved.

FRANCE TO OPPOSE RELIEF TO TEUTONS

PARIS, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French government, it was made plain today, is strongly opposed to the proposed moratorium for Germany's debts to the allies, the movement for which is understood here to be gaining great strength in British official circles. The French view is that Germany is potentially quite capable of meeting her reparation payments and will do so unless given encouragement from allied sources to resist payment.

Made Homeless by Fire
MONTREAL, Nov. 29.—Many families were made homeless today by fire that destroyed thirty flat houses on Tenth avenue, Rosemount, a suburb.

JAPAN IN FAVOR 10-10-7 RATIO IN PLACE 5-5-3 PLAN

Plenary Session to Be Held December 5 to Consider Naval Armament—No Alteration of 5-5-3 Plan to Be Considered By Americans.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—A plenary session of the arms conference probably will be held Monday, December 5, to consider the question of naval armament. It was indicated today by delegation spokesmen.

There was some indication that the Japanese had sought the postponement, although this was not capable of confirmation in conference circles generally. It was known, however, in view of the statement last night by Vice Admiral Kato, chief naval expert of the Japanese group, that Japan still was hopeful a 10-10-7 fleet ratio would be accepted instead of the American 5-5-3 proposal. Because of this it was regarded that the committee of experts might still face considerable discussion, before a report to the conference committee itself was framed. For the American viewpoint as to American experts and as to the membership of the American delegation, it was asserted that no alteration of the 5-5-3 ratio would be acceptable to the United States.

The report that a tentative date has been agreed upon for the plenary session was agreed upon to mean that naval experts were proceeding rapidly and satisfactorily with their work and that the committee on naval armaments would be ready to submit at least a partial report to the conference next week.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Another meeting of the four American delegates was called by Secretary Hughes for late today, presumably for discussion of naval matters.

ROADHOUSE PROP. IN TRAIN HOLD-UP

SEATTLE, Nov. 29.—Ben Willford, proprietor of a road house at Union Mills near Olympia, Wash., was arrested here today on a warrant charging him with possession of stolen goods in connection with the robbery of \$150,000 in negotiable bonds and securities from a Southern Pacific train at Sacramento, Cal., last May 19.

The warrant was based on a secret indictment returned by a federal grand jury here last night. Willford's bond was fixed at \$10,000.

ROBBERS PRY OPEN VADER BANK SAFE

VADER, Wash., Nov. 29.—Robbers who some time during last night pried open safe deposit boxes in the Little Falls State bank of Vader escaped with Liberty bonds and negotiable papers to the extent of several thousand dollars, according to bank officials. Although they opened the vault, the robbers were unable to enter an inner safe containing the bank's cash.

JURY SELECTED TO TRY MRS. OBENCHAIN'S DUPE
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—A jury to try Arthur C. Burch, accused of the murder of J. Bolton Kennedy was completed and sworn at 11:06 this morning. It was composed of ten women and two men. The court ordered the selection of an alternate juror and that was taken up immediately.

War Head Discovers That Rain Drenching Good Cure for Cold

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Secretary Weeks of the war department has discovered a novel cold cure. He revealed its discovery upon his return from New York, where he witnessed the army-navy game Saturday. "I should not have gone up there," he said, "because I had a bad cold. The rain and exposure was not expected to help it but after getting a good drenching for several hours, the cold was suddenly and completely cured."

ARMS TALK TOO MUCH LIKE HAGUE TO SUIT BRITISH

London Press Enthusiastic About America Participating in Europe's Affair—Like the Stand of Harding—Tonic, Says Times Editorially.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(By Associated Press.) Increasing attention is given by the London press to President Harding's suggestion of an "association of nations" through a series of international conferences, the conclusion of which would be observed under a "gentlemen's agreement" rather than by treaty.

The Times in its editorial columns today says that Mr. Harding's conception of the principles underlying such an association has in itself a "tonic effect." The newspaper adds: "It is heartening to know that the president, inspired by the results of the Washington conference, is already looking forward to a future from which the possibility of active cooperation by America in the solution of acute problems is not excluded."

The Morning Post says: "The president's aspiration demands serious and respectful consideration. * * * Any method whereby America can bring to bear her vast influence for the restoration of civilization is most welcome. * * * As for the existing League of Nations, in default of the adhesion of America, it is impossible for it to fulfill the purpose of its existence."

The Post, however, expresses itself as not a strong believer in any league or association, disapproves Great Britain's suspension of warship building, and says: "The debates in Washington begin to bear a disquieting likeness to the Hague conferences which nearly brought disaster to Great Britain."

"Interest in and sympathy with the growing movement in America for greater participation in world affairs" is expressed by the Daily News.

GRAND JURY PROBE SHIPYARD GRAFT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The government is preparing to lay before a federal grand jury here on December 8 the results of its investigation in connection with certain transactions between Charles W. Morse and the shipping board. Reports have been current in Washington and New York for some time that the government was contemplating a grand jury proceeding. Fletcher Dubyns, special assistant attorney general, attached to the shipping board, when asked regarding the report would say no more than that the case would be presented.

The report, which has been current, has said that others beside Mr. Morse, would be involved. So far there is no confirmation of that.

WAR HERO OF ARGONNE IS SELF SLAYER

Lt. Col. Whittlesey, Commander of Lost Battalion, Broods Over Agonies of Struggle—Services for the Unknown Depressed—Dies at Sea—Won Medal.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Confirmation of the report that Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Whittlesey had committed suicide last Saturday night on his way to Havana was received today by the Associated Press in a wireless message from Captain Grant of the steamship Tolosa.

Captain Grant said that the commander of the famous "lost battalion" had disappeared from the ship after leaving him various instructions and that he had seemed in a normal condition and good spirits on quitting the smoking room to retire.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Secret brooding over the memories of his experiences in the war from which he emerged one of America's greatest individual heroes was ascribed today by friends and relatives of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles W. Whittlesey as the cause of his taking his life Sunday while on the way to Havana. Leaving several letters, presumably explaining his act, the commander of the "Lost Battalion" disappeared from the steamship Tolosa, 24 hours out from New York. His intimate friends had no idea he was making an ocean voyage.

Members of his family and business associates were incredulous at first and then recalled incidents as indications that his spirit was shaken by recurrent memories of his brothers in arms who had died before his eyes in France.

"The last blow, they said, more trying than the rest, was in Washington a fortnight ago when he took part in the funeral services for America's unknown soldier. He returned from the capital more depressed than before, the haunting visions clearer than ever, hearing him down. There he had met hundreds of former friends and had marked anew the gaps in the ranks of the men he loved."

"His mind stopped," was the explanation of Robert Forayth Little, of the law firm of White and Case, with which Colonel Whittlesey had been associated for about a year. "It had all it could bear, remarkable mind though it was. I don't think there was a man in the country who has had the trying experiences Colonel Whittlesey has had in the past two years."

"He was the hero who was always accessible to those who thought he could help them. The disabled, the jobless, the friendless, the widows of the war—all of them—were on his mind constantly. For the last two years there has scarcely been an hour when the grief and horror of the war was not brought vividly and specifically before him."

When he left his office Friday afternoon it was with some cheery remark regarding the army-navy football game, which he intended to see. At his boarding house on east 44th street he told friends he was going away "to be by myself—to rest," when he left Saturday morning with a traveling bag.

Colonel Whittlesey's uncle, C. L. Whittlesey of New York, agreed with his nephew's legal associates, that he had come back from Arlington with the recollections induced by the memorial services weighing heavily on his mind.

Colonel Whittlesey's name leaped into world wide prominence overnight through his report to the German officer who called on him to surrender after he was surrounded in the Argonne forest. For four days and nights his command, the first battalion, 308th infantry, 77th division, had lain under fire, cut off from aid, without food or fresh water. All but 87 men had been killed or wounded.

Blindfolded and under the protection of a white flag, a German soldier stumbled into the American strong point.

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