

**The Weather**  
 Maximum yesterday 34  
 Minimum today 29  
 Precipitation .02

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Predictions**  
 Rain or snow.

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## WAR CLOUDS GATHERING IN IRELAND

### D. EIREANN CALLS SECRET WAR SESSION

**Sinn Fein Parliament Goes Into Secret Session to Determine Status of Irish Army in Case Treaty Rejected—Shooting in Belfast—British Hold Troops On Island.**

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A private session of the Dail Eireann, held late this afternoon, was devoted to discussion of the position and resources of the Irish republican army in the event the Anglo-Irish treaty, now pending before the Dail, was rejected. It was understood after the conclusion of the session.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Deputy John Milroy, speaking in the Dail Eireann this afternoon in support of the treaty with England, demanded and received from Eamonn DeValera and other opponents of the treaty their promise to submit the question of ratification to a vote of the Irish people.

BELFAST, Dec. 20.—As a result of scattered shooting last night, one man was killed and another wounded. A woman who was shot Saturday, died of her wounds yesterday.

**British Troops Held.**  
 QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Removal of the British troops from Ireland, which was to have been begun today has been suspended and they will not be withdrawn unless the treaty is ratified. It was stated here.

A transport, which was to have taken on board troops at Queenstown today has been recalled to England and the special trains to convey troops from various places in southern Ireland, which had been arranged for, have been cancelled for the present.

**Anxiety in Dublin.**  
 DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The confidence with which the supporters of the Irish peace treaty have heretofore awaited action by the Dail Eireann has given way to uncertainty as the result of developments at yesterday's open session. All the morning newspapers show material anxiety over the outcome.

"Will the treaty be rejected?" asks the Irish Independent in a seven-column headline today. The newspaper declares that, according to information in well informed Dublin circles there is serious danger that the result of the debate may not be ratification.

The Irish Times, warning the Dail of its responsibility and urging ratification declared: "If the Dail rejects the agreement, the last word will not have been said, for the nation will insist upon the controlling voice in the settlement of its destinies."

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—It was announced this morning that Arthur Griffith, head of the Sinn Fein delegation which signed the Anglo-Irish treaty, would move in the Dail Eireann today for a vote on the question of approving the treaty and that Eamonn DeValera, the republican president, would move its disapproval.

Today's session of the Dail opened

### Japs Launch Brand New Dreadnaught for Hughes' Scrap Heap

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press.) The dreadnaught Tosa was launched today at the Mitsubishi shipyards at Nagasaki. Like her sister ship, the Kaga, launched a month ago, the Tosa is slated to be scrapped under the naval limitation plan agreed to at the Washington conference. An immense crowd attended the launching, the last in Japan prior to the "naval holiday."

### DIRECT TAX FOR 1925 FAIR DEAD SAYS SHELDON

**Local Representative Positive That Legislature Will Never Approve Portland Plan of Finance—Smaller Fair Is Probable Outcome.**

That the state legislature now in special session in Salem will refuse to favor any proposal for financing the 1925 exposition by a tax on the assessable property of the state, even to the extent of referring such a measure to the people, is the word which reached Medford this morning in a letter from Representative Ben Sheldon.

Apparently the tax payers of the state are making their voice heard at Salem. While there seems to be little opposition to the fair, as such, there is a very pronounced opposition to financing the same by a general taxation and the Portland advocates of the plan will probably be compelled to either resort to the initiative in order to get their plan before the people or go back to the original plan for a much smaller and personally financed fair.

Mr. Sheldon's letter said in part, "I am writing Sunday night, just before the opening of the special session, Monday morning. Although the situation respecting the 1925 fair is 'muddy,' I believe I am safe in predicting that this legislature will never put its stamp of approval on any expansion plan which calls for levying more taxes on the people to support it. At last, thank heavens, the farmers and taxpayers are being heard at Salem. There is a feeling that the heavy responsible vote that the heavy responsible vote that the feeling of their home people and the feeling of the legislators to reflect upon the plan of raising three million dollars by general taxation for the proposed fair at Portland."

"The Portland papers this morning, 'Sunday,' seem to indicate that the only question before the legisla-

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### HANGINGS IN FRANCE DESCRIBED

**Ex-Service Men Tell Senate Committee of Seeing Executions—Nice Little Necktie Party, States Robert A. Harrison—Genl. Pershing's Aide On the Stand.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—George H. Taylor, of Philadelphia, who served overseas, told a senate committee today that he saw with his own eyes twelve American soldiers hanged around Le-Sur-Tille, France, from April to June, 1918, but was unable to say whether any of them had been convicted by court-martial.

One of the soldiers hanged, he declared, was tried for assault on a French girl by a French court-martial at which one American officer was present. Taylor gave the name of the soldier and said he was a sergeant from Detroit, Mich., but the committee decided to omit the name from its records.

Robert A. Harrison, of Wilmington, N. C., testified that in 1917, he witnessed the lynching of a soldier. The victim was a Mexican from El Paso or Eagle Pass, Texas, who was charged with a crime against a woman and not tried.

"I was told that the man had to be hanged to save some officer from being cashiered," Harrison declared. Through a pair of field glasses, Harrison said he saw the lynching in which thirty men took part. "It was a nice little necktie party," he said. "I saw the body later with a rope around the neck."

Taylor, the first witness, declared he saw two executions at Camp Wilson. The first was on April 1, 1919, he said, and the entire command was ordered to the gallows to witness it. "They had a double line of soldiers at the gallows," he said, "and Major Ross was in command. The man hanged was a negro. A chaplain went to the scaffold and prayed and then they hanged him."

"Was the man hanged tried by court-martial?" Chairman Brandegee asked. "I don't know," Taylor said. Taylor said the second hanging was similar to the first.

**Statement Denied**  
 SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Major John Carroll, who was American provost-marshal of the Le-Sur-Tille area, France, during 1918 and the early part of 1919, denied in a statement here today that American soldiers had been hanged in that area between January, 1918 and February, 1918, as charged by George H. Taylor, before a senate committee in Washington, D. C.

"I had 33 towns in my area," said Major Carroll, "and in all the time I was in Le-Sur-Tille there were no convictions for serious crimes whatever and absolutely no executions. Neither were American soldiers tried by French courts-martial, nor French soldiers by American courts-martial. Had there been any criminal prosecutions of serious nature I would have known of them as they would have passed through my hands."

"After I left that area in 1919 I did hear that a colored soldier whose trial for murder had been pending had been hanged. That would have been in March, 1919.

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### PRINCESS MARY'S FIANCE



Viscount Lascelles, who will marry Princess Mary some time in February. According to latest reports, Viscount Lascelles will very likely be named the first Governor-General of the Free State of Ireland, making Princess Mary, after her marriage, the "First Lady of Ireland."

### GATHER BOMB PLOT SUSPECTS INTO U. S. NET

**No Announcement By Wm. J. Burns Until All U. S. Suspects Are in Jail—Police Are Suspicious of Lindenfeld.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Damage estimated at \$5000 was done by the explosion early today of a bomb which had been thrown or placed in the hallway of a building on Grand street. The scene of the explosion was only one block from police headquarters and the concussion gave officers there a scare as some of them believed for a few minutes that threats to "bomb Wall street" had been carried out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Detailed reports from Silvester Cosgrove, who last week arrested in Warsaw, Poland, Wolfe Lindenfeld, alleged to have been involved in the Wall street bomb explosion of September, 1920, were awaited by the department of justice officials today. William J. Burns, head of the bureau of investigation who came here several weeks ago to consult subordinates regarding the reported confession of Lindenfeld, planned to leave during the day for Washington, where, he hoped Cosgrove's cabined account of the arrest and confession would be ready for his attention.

Mr. Burns indicated the bureau of investigation would make no announcement of its plans until it had arrested all the bomb plot suspects still in the United States. Evidence in the possession of the bureau will probably be turned over to the police of various cities.

WARSAW, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.) The Polish police believe that Wolfe Lindenfeld is hiding much of what he really knows regarding the Wall street explosion of September 1920, in connection with which he was arrested here at the instance of the United States department of justice and continue questioning him.

Lindenfeld declares that the communists have planned a revolution in Poland for early next year. According to M. Gutkowski, of the Polish political police, Lindenfeld's formal statement recites the details of his employment by William J. Burns before the latter's appointment as head of the bureau of investigation of the United States department of justice. Mr. Burns, he said, sent him to Europe to trace the bomb plotters, advancing him \$3000 to cover expenses.

Gutkowski believes Lindenfeld became an active communist and refrained from making reports to Burns. The charge upon which he is being held by the Poles is that of being a communist propagandist and a suspected spy.

### PRESIDENT TAKES ISSUE WITH LODGE

**Harding Disagrees With Opinion On Pacific Treaty Expressed By Official Spokesman American Delegation—Denies Pact Covers Islands Jap Empire.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.) President Harding, it was said, today at the White House does not regard the four power Pacific treaty as covering the principal islands of the Japanese empire.

This view, which is contrary to that voiced repeatedly by official spokesmen of the American delegation was described at the White House as the president's personal opinion, not based on consultation with other members of his administration.

Mr. Harding was said to believe that the treaty no more applies to the islands constituting Japan proper than it does to the mainland of the United States. In his view, it was said, the agreement only covers island possessions in the Pacific, while the main Japanese group occupies the position of a party to the treaty rather than a possession.

**Japs Sail January 24**  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.) In the expectation of early completion of matters of immediate importance before the Washington conference, members of the Japanese delegation and their various staffs have tentatively booked the entire capacity of the steamer Shinyo Maru, sailing from San Francisco January 24, for their return to Japan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.) The British delegation has formally asked that a plenary session of the Washington conference be held tomorrow or Thursday in order that Great Britain may present its case for the abolition of the submarine.

### BLIZZARD IS DUE IN OREGON TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Rain or snow, riding on driving gales, will sweep the entire Pacific coast from Tatoosh, Wash., to San Diego, Cal., tonight and tomorrow, according to the forecast of the United States weather bureau here. Storm warnings are flying along the full length of the American Pacific seaboard cautioning mariners of northeasterly gales off Washington and Oregon and a southeasterly blow off California.

### DEMAND CLOSING OF KY. BREWERIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Court action to bring about the closing of the breweries of the Central Consumers company, the Gertel company and the Theodore Menk company, all of Louisville, Ky., will be sought, it was announced today at federal prohibition headquarters. The action will be requested, it was said, on the ground that the three companies were distributing a beverage containing more than the legal amount of alcohol.

### House Appropriates \$20,000,000 to Aid Starving in Russia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The senate late today passed the house bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the relief of the starving and distressed in Russia with two amendments, one appropriating \$500,000 to be used for the hospitalization of former service men in Arizona and the other setting aside \$100,000 for the use of the government in relieving unemployment.

### FATE OF 1925 FAIR WILL BE DECIDED TODAY

**Financing of World's Exposition to Be Business of Legislature Tonight—Two Measures Proposed—Spence Fights Road Bill.**

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—The state legislature in special session to submit to the voters a proposal for raising \$3,000,000 to aid in financing the exposition to be held in Portland in 1925 had three plans under consideration today, a property tax, an income tax similar to the federal income tax and a proposal to increase from two to three cents a gallon the state tax on gasoline. The present state tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline imposed for highway purposes this year brought over \$1,125,000, and the proponents of the gasoline tax plan said the extra cent would bring in enough for highways and for the exposition.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—The special session of the legislature today was considering the problem of raising funds for the "Oregon 1925 exposition," as the proposed fair was designated in one of the bills introduced. Portland business men were to explain plans to the members of both houses in an informal joint session.

Two tax proposals were before the legislature, one introduced by Representative Kubit, proposing a property tax, and another by Speaker Dean of the house, which proposed a state income tax for the years 1922-23-24, identical in terms and with the same exemption clauses as the federal income tax. Thirty-six members of the house, a majority, have signed an agreement against a property tax for the fair. Each of these measures has a provision placing control of the fair in the hands of a state commission of fifteen members.

**Pence Opposes Bill**  
 Highway traffic legislation was considered last night by a joint session of the house and senate roads committee. John H. Logan of Portland, representing passenger bus associations, contended that the measure placing buses under control of the state public service commission should include a "convenience and necessity" clause, under which the commission could determine whether new lines should or should not operate. This, he said, would eliminate destructive competition.

C. E. Spence, master of the State Grange, opposed the bills, and also opposed Mr. Logan in his contention for the convenience and necessity clause. This clause, he said, would rebound to the benefit of the railroads and ruin the automatic regulation of rates which obtains under strong truck competition.

**Three Bills Considered**  
 SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—Of ten bills, termed "emergency remedial legislation," placed before the joint session last night, but three were passed to the legislature for consideration at the special session. Bills for financing the 1925 expo-

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### FRANCE HAS AGREED SAYS PR'M. BRIAND

**"And Glad of Relief" Says French Premier to London Mail—Secondary Units Are Still to Be Decided—All French-English Difficulties Can Be Settled.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—France today accepted the American proposal that she be accorded a capital ship tonnage of 175,000 under the naval limitation agreement.

The acceptance of the French was given at a meeting of the conference naval sub-committee of fifteen at which the correspondence between Chairman Hughes and Premier Briand on the question of capital ship tonnage of France was presented.

The French premier in his reply to Mr. Hughes as made public after the committee meeting declared, however, that as to the "defensive ships" light cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines, it would be impossible for the French government to accept "reductions corresponding to those which we accept for capital ships," without contradicting the vote of the French parliament.

The official communique in which the correspondence was made public said that at a meeting of the full committee on limitation of armament had been called for tomorrow but did not state the subjects to be taken up.

The French premier's reply to Mr. Hughes emphasized that capital ships were essentially "attacking ships" and that the "prosecution of France is not the offensive point of view but uniquely the defensive point of view."

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—"France has accepted Secretary Hughes' naval ratio for capital ships, and we are glad of the relief it will afford us," Premier Briand of France is reported as declaring in an interview with the Daily Mail.

"Regarding secondary units, we are yet uninformed respecting the six 10,000-ton ships which Germany is allowed to build under the Versailles treaty. We shall ask the Washington conference to take this consideration into account."

"Of the economic situation he said: 'Russia is a question which Great Britain and France should examine together, but I fear the disorganization of that vast country is greater than is known.'"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The modified proposals by the French government as to the naval ratio to be allotted France under naval limitation agreement was presented to the naval sub-committee of fifteen of the Washington conference today by Albert Sarraut, head of the French delegation.

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### CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR DUMB BEASTS, BUT NONE FOR REJECTED IMMIGRANTS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Dumb beasts in Philadelphia are to have a Christmas tree. Arrangements are being made by the Pennsylvania Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Horses, dogs, and cats are to be guests of the society. For the horses there will be apples, carrots and blankets; for the dogs, dog biscuit; for the cats, catnip balls. Each horse will also receive three meals—one at the "party," and two to be taken home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—In contrast to the joy with which nearly everybody else in the metropolis is looking forward to Christmas, more than 1000 men, women and children here are pre-