The Weather
Maximum yesterday 42
Minimum today 27
Precipitation ..... .04

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Rain or snow.

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

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EFFORT TO BEAT FAIR TAX FAILS

House By Viva Voce Vote Snows Under Motion to Postpone Indefinitely Direct Property Tax—Gas Tax Proposition Gains Ground—Overrule Olcott Veto.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—After a brisk debate the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature at noon today laid on the table by an overwhelming majority a motion to postpone indefinitely a direct property tax bill for financing the Portland 1925 world exposition, and as a result this measure, along with gasoline and income tax bills were to be considered by the house this afternoon.

The viva voce vote indicated that the house is practically a unit in desiring an "Oregon 1925 exposition," the only question arising as to the best possible means of financing the undertaking.

After a spirited debate the senate today passed over the veto of Governor Olcott a bill of the last regular session, providing for regulation of motor bus lines by the public service commission.

Money for Counties

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—At the solicitation of Senator Eddy, representatives of the 1925 exposition association today agreed to put into the gasoline tax bill a provision that out of the $3,000,000 raised, 10 per cent shall go to the counties with which to prepare county exhibits for the exposition. Each county would receive 10 per cent of its proportion of tax from the sale of gasoline.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—An amended bill, incorporating an increased gasoline tax with the general provisions of the Kubli bill, was considered today by leaders planning financing the 1925 world exposition.

Although the joint ways and means committee decided last night to report without recommendation all exposition finance bills, both senate and house leaders asserted today that the gasoline tax measure is the most feasible and predicted its passage.

The amended Kubli bill, including the increased gasoline tax for state financing of the fair, Kubli direct property tax bill, Bean income tax bill, Fletcher bill, calling for a diversion of gasoline tax funds to the exposition from the state highway commission, and Joseph bill, increasing the gasoline tax were all before the house today for consideration.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—The first bill to pass the senate at the present special session of the legislature, was the Upten measure designed to protect ex-service men who are beneficiaries under the bonus and loan act. The measure provides that money received under the bill shall not be applied to the payment of debts contracted prior to receipt of the money under the act. Its passage was unanimous.

The senate yesterday sustained the veto of Governor Olcott on six measures passed at the regular session a year ago. There were bills relating to how conveyances of land shall be made; to failure of corporations, stock companies, etc., to pay annual fees, and barring them from taking action to court; providing for the ap-

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No Disarmament, Says Daniels, Unless Sub Is Destroyed

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 21.—Unless the submarine is destroyed "root and branch," an agreement reached for reduction of land armaments, and the aircraft problem solved, the Washington conference will have failed to "live up to its full duty and privilege," Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, declared in an address last night.

The submarine, Mr. Daniels said, was a greater factor in the world war than all the capital ships, while bombing planes he predicted, will be the greatest danger in any possible future war.

U. S. DELEGATES PREPARE REPLY TO PRESIDENT

Difference in Interpretation Pacific Treaty Expected to Result in Further Clarification—Conference Beats Time—British Cancel Sailings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) The arms negotiations again stood in recess today while the French worked out their estimates for an adequate allotment of auxiliary craft, the Japanese waited for further advices from Tokio regarding Shantung and the British prepared for presentation to the conference of their case for abolition of the submarine.

In the interim there was widespread speculation among the delegates as to what might be the next development in the directions relative to application of the new four-power treaty of the major islands of the Japanese empire.

The difference in interpretation revealed yesterday between President Harding and the American plenipotentiaries led to the suggestion in some quarters that action might be taken by the delegates themselves further to clarify the language of the treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) The British delegation today cancelled reservations it had made on a steamer sailing from New York on December 31. It was stated members of the delegation think there is little chance of their being able to leave before the middle of January.

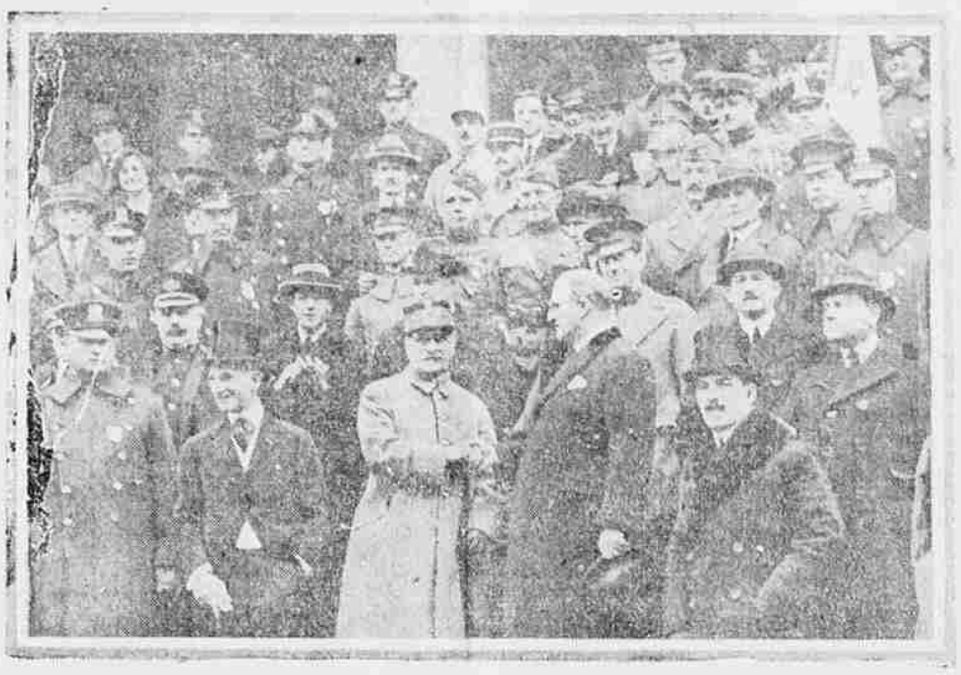
The British delegation was said to feel that the action of the Japanese delegation in calling upon Tokio for further instructions in regard to Shantung would involve considerable delay in the settlement of that question owing to the slowness of cable communication between America and Japan.

It was expected there will be a number of fag ends remaining to be disposed of, which might hold the conference in session until the middle of January.

Wreck on B. & O.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Westbound Baltimore and Ohio railroad passenger train No. 3, New York to St. Louis, was wrecked at Independence, eight miles from Grafton, W. Va., today. Three coaches were reported in the ditch. All doctors in Grafton were hurried to the scene, according to reports reaching here.

Marshal Foch Returns to Home Shores



HAVRE, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Marshal Foch and Former Premier Viviani, returning from their trip to the United States, arrived today on the steamship Paris. They were warmly welcomed, by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Marshal Foch received a typical American welcome when he arrived at the St. Lazare railroad station today, returning from the United States. With him was former Premier Viviani.

Almost the entire membership of the American Legion had assembled and there were thunderous cheers of the American variety.

Marshal Foch stopped, smiled broadly, and turning to members of his party, he said:

"Paris! Paris! This surely cannot be Paris. It must be an American city I am arlving at."

He warmly thanked the legionnaires for their welcome. He said his American trip had been one of the most wonderful events in his life.

The photograph above shows Mayor Hylan of New York City bidding farewell to Marshal Foch just before he sailed.

May Lift Dry Law To Raise Funds for Service Men's Bonus

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Feasibility of raising funds for a soldier bonus by a tax on beer and light wine will be considered by the house ways and means committee, Chairman Fordney announced today, after the Christmas recess, when the committee takes up the adjusted compensation question, particularly the phase relating to the raising of revenue to finance it.

The possibility of a tax on beverages with small alcoholic content will be looked into, Mr. Fordney said, to determine whether it would be advisable and constitutional to lift the prohibition ban sufficiently to permit their sale.

HARDING CALLS ECONOMY MEET JANUARY 1922

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Harding has directed that a general meeting of the business organization of the government to discuss administrative economy be called during the latter part of January, it was announced today by Director of the Budget Dawes.

President Harding will preside at the meeting. Director Dawes said it was the president's purpose to call these meetings semi-annually. They will be similar to the one held last June which was attended by all administrative government officials from the president down to bureau chiefs.

The president's immediate purpose in calling the January meeting, Mr. Dawes said, is to give personal instructions in connection with the administration's economy policy. The president also, Mr. Dawes stated, will outline the method which he desires followed in connection with compliance with the provisions of the act of February 27, 1906, which provides a penalty for the creation of a deficiency by a government official.

This act, which has never been enforcer, provides that a government official responsible for the expenditure of any sum in excess of appropriations made by congress for that fiscal year may be punished by a fine of not less than $100 or by imprisonment for not less than one month.

Tug in Trouble Coos Bay.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 21.—A tug with a barge in tow is in trouble off Cape Arago lighthouse just south of Coos Bay. The coast guard crew has gone out in a power boat and the tug Fearless will give assistance.

SAW CORPORAL SHOOT PRIVATE CAMP WHEELER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Called today as the first in a second list of witnesses in the senate committee investigation of charges by Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, that American soldiers had been hanged without trial in France, Marion J. Wallis, of Athens, Ga., declared he saw a corporal shoot and kill a private soldier at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

The witness said he did not serve overseas and had no evidence bearing on executions on foreign soil. The corporal, he said, was named Crawford and the man shot, he thought, Private Halley, of Tampa, Fla.

Wallis read a letter from one of his comrades at Sandusky, Ohio, attacking officers of a Georgia regiment and indicating he would get even some day.

"Some of these Georgia officers were pretty bad from that?" Wallis was asked.

"Yes, indeed," he replied.

"This seems to be a Georgia family row," said Senator Ernst, republican, Kentucky and Senator Watson joined in the laughter.

At this point Senator Watson offered a telegram received today from James R. Milton, of Chattanooga, Tenn., saying he also had witnessed the killing of Halley by Crawford and would come to Washington to testify to that effect. Another telegram from W. F. Brock of Lindale, Ga., said the soldier was killed because he was ill and unable to work and that Crawford was not tried by court martial.

Wallis, however, had another version, saying that Crawford was tried by court martial, given a thirty-day furlough and then made a sergeant. To the best of his recollection the killing was in May or June, 1918.

Reports published at the time of the Camp Wheeler shooting, Wallis said, showed that Halley was shot while resisting arrest, but he added, such reports were not true.

"Did he give the corporal provocation for shooting him?" Senator Watson asked.

"None whatever. At the time he was shot Halley's arm had been broken by clubbing. Halley was struck down with a club for refusing to work and then shot in the back, dying the next day."

Officers of the war department said they would examine the records to determine if such a case as that described by Wallis was listed.

After Wallis had concluded his testimony the names of the five other witnesses summoned to appear today were called but none of the five responded to his name. The hearing then went over until January 4.

Another Bank Held Up.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Five armed bandits shortly before noon today held up the Steelton branch of the Citizens Trust and Savings bank and escaped with $10,000.

Five Times Too Much.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—J. N. Webb yesterday obtained a temporary injunction restraining R. W. Godfrey from calling him a "bootlegger." Five times, Webb said, Godfrey had caused the police to search his premises.

Girl Bookkeeper Flora Bank, Leads Hunt for Robber

FLORA, Ills., Dec. 21.—Armed with a revolver, Miss Mildred Kelly, bookkeeper at the Iuka, Ills., bank, which was robbed yesterday of $15,000 by five bandits today led a posse to all corners of a wooded strip near here where it was believed the bandits were hiding. A bloodhound pack assisted.

Despairing of finding the bandits Miss Kelly and a number of searchers left the woods and trailed through the Coon creek lowlands while the remainder of the posse stayed in the forest.

Uphill and down ravine, the girl, revolver in hand, preceded her companions.

DECLARATION OF WAR BY CHITA GOVT. REPORTED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A report that the government of the Far Eastern republic at Chita had declared war on the republic of Vladivostok is carried in a Central News dispatch from Helsingfors today. The message added that the soviet government of Moscow is said to be sending troops and war material to Chita.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The question as to how Siberian matters will be dealt with at the present conference depends largely upon the attitude of the United States, it was declared today in Japanese circles. Japan's attitude, it was explained, was that any question found upon the conference program could be taken up so far as the Japanese were concerned.

Japan's position with reference to Siberia was reiterated as being "no territorial ambition for Japan and every desire to see the principle of equal opportunity applied throughout Siberia."

Among some Japanese the absence of accredited delegates from a solid and substantial Russian government was deplored as making it more difficult to adopte any concrete action.

JUDGE LANDIS DENIES BEAVERS' APPLICATION

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—Application of Frank Juney and Lefty Schroeder, former pitchers of the Portland Pacific Coast league, for reinstatement in organized baseball has been denied by Federal Judge Landis, national baseball commissioner, according to word received here today. Juney and Schoeder who jumped the Portland team in 1920 and played with independent teams in California recently asked to be reinstated.

Christmas Turkeys Moving Slowly, S. F., at 60 Cents Pound

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Turkey producers were advised by Harry S. Maddox, state market director, to dispose of their birds at a "reasonable profit" rather than hold them for prices which may antagonize consumers."

Turkeys are moving slowly on the local market Maddox declared in a statement today and said there was evidence the consumer would not pay more than the prevailing maximum of sixty cents a pound. The price to producers probably would not go below forty cents, he said, and added that this figure would provide, in most cases, a reasonable profit.

WATER ASSURED FOR IRRIGATION SEASON OF 1922

President Medford Irrigation District Makes Public Statement Regarding Water Situation—Contractor Leaves Fish Lake Today.

"The contractor moved the camp from Fish Lake today, and the Medford Irrigation District will have water for irrigation, during the year 1922," said J. A. Perry, president of the Medford Irrigation District today. "The dam is completed up to 20 feet, and the gates are all in, gate tower completed, so that we can store water sufficient for our needs during the next year. The work on the main canal, is nearly completed, and the work of enlarging the canal above the Bradshaw drop, and the Phoenix lateral are progressing very well, and will be completed by early spring."

"Land owners in the district however should get their land in shape to put the water on. We would advise them to get their ditches laid out and head ditches made as early as possible, so they will have time to settle, so that they may be operated with the least possible trouble. It is no small matter to put water on your land for the first time, and unless the land owners are all ready, to take the water when it is given to them, they are not going to get the best results, and there will be more or less grief, for every one.

"So get to work at once and prepare to use the water to the best advantage. The board of directors realizes that there are very few people in the valley who have had any experience in irrigation, and we are arranging for a few public meetings to be held during the next month, as an educational campaign. We will have the cooperation of the Oregon Agricultural college, C. C. Cate, county agent, and F. C. Reimer, of the experiment station. These men, together with men who have had large practical experience in using water will address these meetings, and we hope all the land owners will attend these meetings, and get all the information they can.

"We believe you will get the best results if you have your irrigation ditches laid out by a competent engineer, otherwise you may find when the water is turned into your ditches,

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L. GEORGE A SCOUNDREL, SAYS MARY

Sister of Late Lord Mayor MacSwiney Launches Bitter Attack On British Premier in Dail Eireann—Bitter Fight On Treaty Continues—Violence Is Feared.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney of Cork, severely arraigned Prime Minister Lloyd George in speaking against the Anglo-Irish treaty in the Dail Eireann this afternoon. She characterized the British premier as "an unscrupulous scoundrel."

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) Arguing to the Dail Eireann today for ratification of the Anglo-Irish agreement, George Gavin Duffy, one of the Irish plenipotentiaries, said that Prime Minister Lloyd George had issued an ultimatum to the Irish plenipotentiaries requiring them to sign the treaty under threat of immediate hostilities. He termed it "monstrous iniquity" that the delegates who had been invited under the prime minister's roof for the discussion of a peaceful settlement, should have been given only three hours to decide the question of signing, without the opportunity of consulting Dublin. The treaty, however, should be ratified in the interests of the people of Ireland, he said.

Eamon J. Dugan, the last of the Irish plenipotentiaries to speak in this debate denied he had been "bluffed" into signing the treaty. He said he had signed it in calm seclusion and "with due consideration to the country, the living and the dead." He warmly urged ratification.

Eamonn DeValera referred during the session to what was printed in the morning newspapers as his alternative oath.

"That oath," he said, "was suggested by me verbally when I was criticising, not the oath in the treaty, but another oath previously suggested.

"I said the first oath was inconsistent with our position and I verbally indicated what we might take instead.

"The word 'constitution' occurs in both oaths, but in one of them refers to a constitution in which appears not a vestigate of British authority. The other oath is one in which the British king must be recognized as the head of the Irish state. There is a tremendous difference though the same words are used in both."

The Dail adjourned at 1:35 p. m. until 3:30 o'clock.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) Opposition to referring the Anglo-Irish treaty to the Irish electorate was voiced by George Gavin Duffy, one of its negotiators, in his argument for ratification of the pact delivered in this morning's session of the Dail Eireann.

Duffy said he made no apology for signing the pact, but felt that he was bound to drive home to the minds of the Irish people the circumstances under which the signatures were extorted. He contended that Ireland could omit the king's head from the coins of the Irish free state and could abolish the Union Jack, and that in framing the constitution the Irish people should put the king "into exterior darkness," as far as possible.

War Threatened

Going over the events that occurred

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DEP'T STORES SELL 9 CENT GERMAN KNIVES FOR $5, FORDNEY CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Charges that importers, through misleading propaganda, were attempting to "delay or defeat" tariff legislation and to accomplish this end were centering an attack on the American valuation plan, were made today in the house by Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, who declared that American valuation was the logical solution of the present day economic conditions.

"Opposition to the pending tariff measure is readily traced," asserted Mr. Fordney, "not to the American producer, not to the man who deals chiefly in American-made products, but to the man who produces abroad and the man whose chief interest is in bringing the product of cheap foreign labor to the American market."

Mr. Fordney declared he had "discovered that the "department store that is leading the fight against American valuation" and is "one of America's largest importing establishments," retailed at $5 each knives bought in Germany at nine cents. Tremendous profits also are made on a variety of other articles imported from countries where production costs are low, said Mr. Fordney.

"Congress is endeavoring to write a tariff law and the declared object is to protect American industries," advocating haste in passage of the tariff bill now in the senate.

GENTLEMANLY BANDIT HOLDS UP B. & O. PASSENGERS ON THE OBSERVATION CAR

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Police today investigated a report that a well dressed bandit of fine manners, who single-handed, held up observation car passengers on the Chicago-Washington Baltimore and Ohio on Chicago's south side last night, escaped in an automobile driven by a woman.

Children skating on a pond at 67th street said they saw the robber leave in a car which had been parked beneath the railroad viaduct.

The bandit boarded the observation at the 63rd street station and forced the passengers to stand in line. After robbing four men he reached Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Stansbury of Tucumcari, N. M., and their three small children.

"Madam," he said, "will you please take the children to the other end of the car. I am not interested in any valuables a woman may have and do not want to frighten children."

As Mr. Stansbury and the children obeyed his request he relieved Mr. Stansbury of his pocketbook. As he continued down the line of passengers the conductor appeared at the front end of the car.

"It's quite possible," he told his victims, "that the conductor is armed. If he isn't he can call men who are. That would mean shooting, and some of you might get hurt. I don't want that to happen so I will leave you."

He jerked the emergency bell rope backed through the door and as the train slowed down, leaped over the rail and disappeared.