

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 45
Minimum today 30

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain or snow.

Daily—Sixteenth Year
Weekly—Fifty-First Year.

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GAS TAX FOR FAIR PASSES THE HOUSE

Senate Now Considering Tax Measure Passed Last Night Adding One Cent to Gas Tax for Exposition Purposes—Call Highway Commissioners to Give Their View.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—The senate of the Oregon legislature today was considering a measure passed last night by the house providing for a gasoline tax to raise \$3,000,000 towards financing the world's fair.

The senate roads and highways committee today called the members of the state highway commission to appear this afternoon to make a statement as to the effect the gasoline tax measure will have on the state highway program if passed.

The senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Dennis calling for a complete audit of all state funds.

The house, as a committee of the whole, today approved a bill granting the public service commission regulation of busses, stages and auto trucks.

The bill is the first of three introduced by the committee on roads to prevent destruction of highways.

Lithia Park Exemption
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—Representative Carl of Jackson county yesterday introduced a bill in the house which exempts all bequests made to the state, municipalities and to charitable institutions from provisions of the state inheritance act.

Adjournment Friday.
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—Senator Ryan at the outset of this morning's senate session introduced a concurrent resolution calling for adjournment of the senate session at noon tomorrow.

Another Fair Bill.
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—One more exposition measure appeared in the senate yesterday when Senator Upton introduced a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment which is similar to the gasoline tax measure introduced in the house with the exception that it proposes a tax on amusements and entertainments instead of on gasoline and also some other important changes.

The measure proposes an unpaid commission of nine members instead of the fifteen proposed in the house measure and also proposes that the tax imposed continue after the conclusion of the fair for general state purposes.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS BUT A DRY ONE, SEEN BY PROHI COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Safeguards on withdrawals of liquor from bond have reduced the domestic supply of illicit liquor 50 per cent and "gentlemen's agreements" have materially checked liquor smuggling over the borders.

\$20,000,000 Relief For Russia Passed In Watson's Absence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Final legislative action on the bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the relief of Russia's starving and distressed through purchase of grain, was taken today by senate adoption of the conference report.

MARSE HENRY ANSWERS CALL, SOUTH MOURNS

Henry Watterson, Country's Best Known Journalist Dies at Jacksonville, Florida—Not Well, But End Unexpected—Wife at Bedside.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—Colonel Henry Watterson, known to the American people as one of the last surviving members of the old school of journalism and to his friends as "Marse" Henry, died early today at a hotel here.

Colonel Watterson came to Jacksonville several weeks ago in accordance with his annual custom of spending the winter in Florida, usually at Fort Meyers.

This "Marse Henry" passed to "that beautiful shore" where, last October he wrote his comrades of the confederate army, he was sure "the bonnie blue flag will be flying at the fore and the bands will be playing 'Dixie' on parade and the pretty girls will be distributing the Chattanooga Rebel."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists and former owner and publisher of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal died at a local hotel at 6:15 this morning.

Colonel Watterson's death was unexpected, though it had been known for some days that he was ill.

The veteran publisher had been here about six weeks, as was his custom on his annual trips to Florida. He has for years been spending his winters largely at Fort Myers and it was his intention to go to that place when his condition improved sufficiently to take the trip.

Colonel Watterson's death was due to heart failure superinduced by congestion of the lungs, according to physicians.

He was conscious for a few minutes at intervals and thirty minutes before his death called his wife into the room.

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FIRST VOTE FAVORABLE IRISH PACT

Opponents' Effort to Continue Debate Until Vote Defeated 77 to 44—Dail Eireann Thereupon Adourns Until January 34—War Is Still Threatened.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—A long conference was held today presided over by Winston Spencer Churchill, colonial secretary, and attended by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, secretary for war; Sir Hamer Greenwood, Secretary for Ireland, and General H. M. Tudor, commander of the crown forces in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Dail Eireann today rejected by a vote of 77 to 44 a motion to continue the debate on the Anglo-Irish treaty until a vote was taken.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Dail Eireann this evening adjourned its session until January 3.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—A decision as to ratification of the Irish peace treaty, or adjournment over the Christmas holidays was expected by tonight as the Dail Eireann gathered for today's session.

All observers agree that when the vote on the treaty is reached, the majority either way will be small.

The supporters of the treaty appear to be more confident than the opposition faction but the Dublin press which is strongly in favor of acceptance of the treaty, continued this morning to take a gloomy view of the situation.

When the Dail session opened today Deputy O'Kelly, minister of education, speaking against the treaty, like Mrs. Mary MacSwiney in her speech of yesterday, declared the Irish republic was far from dead.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Richard Mulcahy, chief of staff of the Irish republican army, created a stir when he began his speech on the Anglo-Irish treaty in the Dail Eireann today by saying that nobody wanted the treaty, but saw no alternative to its acceptance.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—When the Dail Eireann adjourned in Dublin late yesterday twenty-nine members had given their views on the Irish peace treaty since debate was opened last Monday on the motion for ratification.

How many of the remaining ninety-one members intend to exercise their right to be heard is not known.

Some London newspaper correspondents declared today that an unofficial canvass of the Dail members showed last night virtually an equal division. The line-up was given by one as 28 for ratification, 58 against and four uncertain.

It was suggested that the violent attack on the treaty by Mary MacSwiney which drove many members out of the chamber, had injured, rather than helped the cause she advocated.

WISCONSIN PROFESSOR GETS MANILA POST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Formal announcement of the selection of Eugene Allen Gilmore to be vice-governor general of the Philippines

Her Subjects Love Her so Well They Ask Her to Come Home



Here is something out of the ordinary. A real live queen who has been petitioned by her subjects to return to their land. The photograph shows the Rajah's wife of Pudukattai, who since her marriage in 1915, has visited but once the inhabitants of the South India States, over whom her husband, the Rajah, rules. They have been living at Cannes, France.

JAPAN REFUSES TO CONSIDER 21 CHINA DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) Japan will formally oppose any discussion of the validity of the 21 demand treaty of 1915 if the matter is brought up by China, as expected in tomorrow's meeting of the Far Eastern committee of the armament conference, it was announced today in responsible Japanese circles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) Statements in behalf of France and Italy accepting formally the American proposals for limitation of capital ships armament were made today at the meeting of the delegates of the five major powers of the Washington conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) The negotiations for elimination of naval armament, based on from first line ships to auxiliary craft today when the full naval committee assembled with its experts to begin consideration of the French request for an increase in submarines and cruisers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) The bottles were very carefully packed as a prevention against breakage, each bottle being in the original carton and then wrapped in a towel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) The French estimates were closely guarded up to the hour of their presentation to the committee but it was generally known that they proposed a large submarine strength and an increase also in cruiser tonnage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) The trunk was a typical traveling man's trunk and contained two fibre sample cases similar to those used by traveling men. The towels, in which the bottles were wrapped, bore marks of many of the largest hotels in this state and California.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) In accordance with its usual custom there will be no issue of the Mail Tribune on Monday, December 26th. The Medford Sun will be issued as usual on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th.

Carcass of Buffalo Attracts Indians to Pendleton Abattoir

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 22.—The display of a big buffalo carcass in the window of a local butcher shop today brought a crowd of Umatilla Indians inside the store. The shop is selling buffalo meat as a holiday feature and many Indians bought steaks. The meat sells at from 60 cents to \$1.00 a pound, according to the cut.

ANGLO-FRENCH BREACH AVERTED SAYS BRIAND

Premier Declares Agreement Reached On Practically All Important Points—U. S. A. to Attend Reconstruction Conference.

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M'NARY MAY FIGHT FOUR POWER PACT

Oregon Senator Takes Stand With President On Interpretation of Pacific Treaty—Opposed to Protection for Jap Mainland—Sen. Borah Sharpens His Battle Axe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Opposition to the four-power treaty developed in an entirely new quarter of the senate today as a result of the confusion prevailing over the different interpretations placed on it by the White House and the state department.

Senator McNary (R., Or.), following a conference with President Harding at the White House, declared he was in accord with the president's view that the term "insular dominions" in Article 1 did not refer to the islands of Japan proper.

McNary, a leader of the "mild reservationists" in the League of Nations fight, said, however, that if only because of the opposite opinion held by the state department, a reservation expressly stipulating that the Japanese homeland was not involved by the treaty, should be adopted.

McNary intimated that he would be strongly inclined to oppose the treaty if the state department's interpretation were permitted to stand, and the treaty were allowed to be so construed as to bind the United States to employ its military and naval forces to help protect Japan proper from armed aggression.

While the naval negotiations were continuing the new four-power treaty to preserve peace in the Pacific was becoming a subject of increasing interest in conference circles because of the situation that has developed since it became known that there is a difference of interpretation of the treaty's terms between President Harding and members of the American delegation.

Senators Borah, republican, Idaho, and Reed, democrat, Missouri, who were members of the irreconcilable group in the Versailles treaty fight, have taken the lead in opposing the new pact in senate debate, but some other senators have indicated that they were preparing reservations and amendments for presentation when ratification is formally proposed by the president.

Opposition in the senate had begun today to assume more definite form. In the present, as in the Versailles treaty controversy, efforts are to be made first to secure adoption of reservations, afterward a group of "irreconcilables" will oppose the treaty even if reservations they will support are adopted.

Senator Borah has a draft declaring that "no action of the high contracting parties when acting under article two shall commit any nation, either legally or morally to the use of force in meeting any exigency.

Another reservation to be offered would declare the treaty inapplicable to the homeland of Japan, touching the subject on which President Harding and the American delegates have differed.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22.—Police and firemen at daybreak renewed their search of the ruins of the Wright Woman's Furnishing store, partially wrecked late yesterday by an explosion of natural gas, injuring more than 37 persons, including two women who died soon afterward following reports to police today that two women had been missing from their homes over night.

Six of the injured, five women and a man were reported in serious condition.

FEDERAL PROHI AGENT IS CHARGED WITH MURDER OF TEXAS TAXI DRIVER

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—Federal Prohibition Enforcement Agent Bassett H. Wiles, Chief of Detectives E. L. Young, Patrolman J. L. McNeil and W. E. Mayberry, former Texas Ranger, were charged with murder today in a complaint filed by Police Sergeant Ed. R. Nitschke in connection with the killing a week ago tonight of Peeler Clayton, taxicab driver.