

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 42  
Minimum today 22 1/2

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Cloudy and warmer.

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WEEKS LAYS FORD'S OFFER BEFORE CONG.

Secretary of War Refuses to Make Recommendation for Or. Against Acceptance—Advantages and Disadvantages Pointed Out—Appropriation May Be Required.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Henry Ford's proposal for the government projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala. was submitted today to congress by Secretary Weeks for "such action as congress may deem appropriate." The only suggestions contained in the letter of transmission related to specific clauses in the contract and the desirability of amendments which would, in the event the proposal be accepted by congress, further safeguard the government's interests.

Otherwise, the secretary of war carefully avoids reference to congressional action involving the ultimate acceptance or rejection of the offer as submitted.

Appropriation Required  
"In the event Mr. Ford's proposal is accepted," he declared, "the government must make new appropriations amounting to \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 of which Mr. Ford will have the benefit for approximately 100 years at four per cent."

"In the event the offer be rejected," the secretary gave it as his opinion "that the number two (Wilson dam) should be completed by the government and that the power requirements for commercial purposes, the benefits to navigation as well as the possible needs of the government would warrant this expenditure."

"If this were done," he continues, "the government may itself undertake to sell the product to the best advantage. In such case the amount of the government's present proposed investment would be very materially reduced because dam number three costing from \$18,000,000 to \$25,000,000 would not be built," and it would not be necessary to make the full installation of power plant on the Wilson dam until the market required such installation.

Save \$3,000,000  
"This partial installation," he explains, "would effect a saving of present investment in at least the sum of \$3,000,000, leaving, according to the chief engineer's estimate, not to exceed \$22,000,000 to be invested by the government at this time instead of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000."

The question of unemployment is recognized as a factor in the Muscle Shoals question.

"At this time," he points out, "when there is a large amount of unemployment it is not without importance to consider the advantage to the nation of the employment of the large amount of labor required in undertaking this development."

The secretary explains his action in sending the offer to congress by declaring he is without authority to accept Mr. Ford's offer or "dispose of the property as a whole, either by sale or by lease."

He points out the necessity for determining "whether the advantage to the government to have nitrate plant number two maintained in readiness for the manufacture of explosives and in actual production of fertilizer together with the improvement to navigation is of sufficient importance to justify the proposed departure from the present policy of the law in regard to dealing with the water power resources and to warrant leasing to Mr. Ford government property for so long a period."

Favors 50 Years Limit  
"I believe it would be better policy," he wrote, "to limit the contract to a term of fifty years (instead of 100 years) to conform with the established policy of the federal government as set

Senator Jones Views With Regret Spain's Snub of Dry Iceland

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Senator Jones, republican, Washington today introduced a resolution under which the senate would express its "profound regret" at the reported threats of retaliation by Spain against Iceland because of adoption of prohibition by the island.

9 DEAD, FRICK COAL EXPLOSION, 20 ENTOMBED

Fear Expressed That All Men Caught in the Pennsylvania Mine Disaster Are Lost—Rescuers Working feverishly to Reach Shut-in Men.

GATES, Pa., Feb. 2.—All hope for the miners imprisoned by an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here today were abandoned at two o'clock p. m., when rescue crews came across seven bodies in the workings affected by the blast. Nine bodies previously had been brought up to the surface.

GATES, Pa., Feb. 2.—The bodies of nine miners, killed in an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here today had been brought to the surface at noon from the entry, one and a half miles from the foot of the shaft, where the accident occurred. Twenty men, it was stated, were still in the mine and experienced miners working feverishly to reach them expressed the opinion that all were dead.

GATES, Pa., Feb. 2.—Seven men are known to have been killed and 22 others are entombed in a room 1 1/2 miles from the mouth of the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here, as the result of an explosion early today. Trained rescue crews from all parts of the Conneville field are working in relays trying to reach the shut-in men.

The bodies were located in an entry and taken to the foot of the shaft. Reports which came to the surface from Sam Brown, superintendent in charge of the mine, said that such progress was being made by the rescuers through the fallen earth and rock that he expected to reach the entombed miners by noon. There was nothing, the reports said, to indicate whether the men were dead or alive.

Hundreds of persons assembled from nearby mines and a detail of ten state policemen was sent to the shaft to hold them back. In the crowd were said to be many members of the families of the dead and missing miners. The mine is one of the largest in this vicinity and normally employs about 1000 men. It has been working day and night shifts and a large number of men were in the entries and rooms when the explosion occurred. The mine shaft is 680 feet deep and the explosion occurred in a section so far back in the workings that the force was spent before it reached the bottom of the shaft and damaged the hoisting machinery.

East Gets Control of N. W. Fruit Exchange

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—Headquarters of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, one of the large distributors of boxed commercial apples will remain in Seattle, it was announced today following a special meeting of stockholders at which five of the former directors and officers resigned and control of the organization passed to eastern commission and financial interests.

MELLON FOR BONUS THRU CIGARET TAX

Secretary of Treasury Suggests Special Tax on Tobacco or Increased Postage Rate to Finance Soldier's Compensation—Oppose the Sales Tax.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The soldier's bonus should be paid out by special taxes, such as increased first and second class postage and tobacco levies, Secretary Mellon declared today before the house ways and means committee.

Secretary Mellon reiterated his belief that it would be impracticable to depend upon the foreign debt for financing the proposed "five way" adjusted compensation plan because the revenue from that source is problematical.

These estimates of revenue from special sources were made by the secretary:

One cent increase in first class postage, \$70,000,000.

Increased second class postage to wipe out deficits in that branch of the postoffice department \$30,000,000.

Increased cigarette tax, the increase amounting to fifty cents on 1000; \$25,000,000.

Increased tobacco tax, two cents a pound, \$5,000,000.

Increased documentary stamp taxes, \$40,000,000.

A license tax of fifty cents a horsepower on automobiles \$100,000,000.

The total estimated return from the taxes was \$309,000,000.

Mr. Mellon said the bonus would cost \$425,000,000 a year for the first two years and told the committee that it could extend the list of taxable sources to make up the deficiency. He made it clear that he was not "recommending" any of the taxes suggested.

The treasury secretary opposed a general sales tax, on the ground of the cost and difficulty of administration.

Questioned by Representative Frear republican, Wisconsin, as to the basis for the estimate of a cost of \$350,000,000 for the bonus the first two years, Mr. Mellon said this was the assumption that half of the former service men would take cash. Mr. Frear asked the secretary his views on various special taxes. The secretary objected to any further changes in the tax on stocks and bonds, declaring it would retard business.

'FATTY' ARBUCKLE JURY STILL OUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The jury in the second trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe returned to its deliberations at 10 a. m. today after having been locked up since 11 o'clock last night. There was no indication of how the jury stood, but forecasts that the trial would end in a disagreement were being freely passed about the corridors.

The jury returned to its deliberations today, fortified with the re-reading of the full set of final instructions by the court and the testimony of Josephine Keza, chambermaid at the Hotel St. Francis who testified to hearing a woman's agonized cries at the time Arbuckle was supposed to have been inflicting fatal injuries on Miss Rappe while they were alone in his room. Both instruction and testimony were re-submitted to the jury at its request yesterday after it had retired. The request came as a surprise and confused speculation as to how the jury stood.

Ford Confering With Weeks on Muscle Shoals



Henry Ford confering with Secretary of War Weeks in regard to the purchase and operation of the government's nitrate and waterpower projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala. It is Mr. Ford's ambition to build up a co-operative community on the site, as he has every belief that the projects cannot fail.

EXPECT ELECTION OF A NEW POPE BY END OF WEEK

Secret Session to Name Benedict's Successor Starts—General Belief Is Decision Will Soon Be Reached—New Names Suggested.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Rome correspondent of the Times telegraphs that, when the numerous opinions as to who will succeed Pope Benedict are sifted, the names which stand out are those of Cardinals Gasparri, Ratti, Maffi, LaFontaine, Luadi and Granito. (With the exception of Cardinal Granito, all of them have been consistently mentioned as possible choice. Cardinal Granito is Bishop of Albino, is 70 years old and was raised to the purple in 1915.)

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The successor of Pope Benedict, late pope of the Catholic church will be a man of "fearless faith," according to a prophecy of the succession of the popes, in the possession of Archbishop John J. Glennon of St. Louis. This prophecy, written in Latin, describes some circumstances in the life of each pope or alludes to some extent to each pontiff's life, with such correct prognostication that it attained prominence during the last three centuries.

Malachias, archbishop of Armagh and a close friend of St. Bernard, is credited by some historical writers with the authorship of this prophecy, while others attribute it to Arnold deVion, a Benedictine monk, who published the work in 1595.

Characteristics of six more successors to the pope yet to be chosen are given in the prophecy. "Pastor et Nauta," (Shepherd and Seaman) is the description given to the pontiff to succeed the next pope.

The author concludes with the prophecy that "after the last persecution of the holy Roman church, the city of the seven hills (Rome) will be destroyed."

ROME, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The conclave of the sacred college which is to choose a successor to Pope Benedict XV, began its sittings today. The fifty-two cardinals who are in Rome went into seclusion last night, and when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the court yard of St. Damazo was closed they were cut off from communication with the outside world until their task was done.

The balloting is not expected to consume more than two days and the next pope, in the consensus of opinion in vatican circles, will come from among the moderate section of the sacred college. Neither the "irreconcilables" nor the party which favors closer relations with the Italian government is understood to have a chance to elect its candidate, the moderates holding the balance of power.

Crowds Gather.  
Crowds gathered today in St. Petersburg square to watch for the telltale smoke wreaths from the chimney of the Sistine chapel, where the conclave sits. A ballot is taken in the morning and evening of each day the conclave is in session and the smoke puffs are the only indication to the watchers as to the progress made. When no election is effected, a little straw is burned with the voting papers causing the smoke to assume

FARMERS HOPE RESTS UPON R. R. ELECTRIFICATION

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 2.—Radicalism will increase in the event of delayed agricultural economic adjustments, J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, declared in an address today at Farmers Week at Ohio State university here.

"The agricultural conference called by President Harding last week showed at the start a wind current toward the farmer-labor movement," he said. "My mail brings me daily proposals from all quarters demanding such expedients as the government making direct real estate loans to the farmers at two or three per cent by currency issues, or the refunding of all Liberty and Victory loans with a federal currency," Mr. Howard said. "Men forget that too much printing press and too little intrinsic value is at the seat of Europe's trouble today and that 'assignat' helped provoke the French revolution."

"Personally," he declared, "I approve that constructive radicalism which provokes serious thought. It compels progress. I will go to the limit regarding co-operative marketing and government supervision of all public utilities. But I must draw the line on an 'ism' that is destructive and not constructive particularly if destructive of that greatest of all human agencies—personal initiative."

Two things must happen in the way of a solution of agricultural ills, Mr. Howard said—the development of new and cheaper lines of transportation and the greater development of electricity, so that it may be applied to transportation fully.

ITALIAN CABINET FORCED TO QUIT

ROME, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The cabinet of Premier Bonomi, which took office last July, presented its resignation to the chamber of deputies at 7:03 this evening. The cabinet decided to resign when at a cabinet council this morning it developed that important groups in the chamber upon which the government had counted for support had passed over to the opposition because of objection to various policies.

Even the Catholics, who had been supporting the ministry throughout the crisis of the past few days, were alienated because of the failure of the cabinet to have a eulogy of the late Pope Benedict read from the tribune by President DeNicola of the chamber, as had been promised.

MURDER WILL OUT, W. FEATHER TAKEN

SANTA ANA, Cal., Feb. 2.—In connection with the alleged murder of Marco Guerrerro near here eleven years ago, Luis Rodarte was in the Orange county jail today because deputy sheriffs said, he displayed a peculiar clump of white hair on top of his head. Rodarte is held on suspicion that he may be a man known as "White Feather."

Governor Olcott to Extend Reprieves to Kirby-Rathie, et al

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—Governor Olcott announced this morning that he would extend the reprieves granted Elvie Kirby, John Rathie and Dan Casey, condemned to hang here, unless the supreme court handed down a decision on Kirby's appeal, attacking the constitutionality of the Oregon capital punishment law, today. The reprieves originally granted by the governor expire tomorrow.

FRANK TREFREN OF BUTTE FALLS KILLED BY TREE

Falling Limb Crushes Skull of Timber Worker—Rushed to Medford and Operation Is Performed—Conscious for Hour After Accident.

Frank E. Trefren of Butte Falls died this morning at nine o'clock as a result of injuries received yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a falling limb while working in the timber near Butte Falls.

The injury occurred about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and after being hurt Trefren was conscious for more than an hour and was able to converse with friends. He then lapsed into unconsciousness and a doctor was called from Medford to attend him. Trefren was brought to this city via the Pacific and Eastern railroad and arrived about 10 o'clock last night accompanied by several friends and a brother, George Trefren of Butte Falls. He was immediately rushed to the Sacred Heart hospital where it was discovered that he had suffered a very serious fracture of the skull, extending from the top of his head to the base of the skull in front of and beneath his eye.

An operation was performed in an effort to save his life but due to the seriousness of the injury practically no hope of his recovery was entertained. He died without regaining consciousness.

The body is in charge of Weeks and Conger of this city. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

CANNED BEANS FATAL TO THREE

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 2.—Father, mother and son lost their lives from botulinus poisoning caused by eating home preserved beans according to physicians in attendance on Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pastores and Joseph Pastores, Jr., all of Healdsburg. The parents died during the night and the son at noon today.

Russian Population Decreases 18,000,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A decrease of about 18,000,000 in the population of soviet Russia as compared with pre-war estimates is reported by the bolshevik press, according to a statement issued today by the commerce department.

For 1921, the statement said, the population of soviet Russia was placed at 130,707,000 by a bolshevik census.

BALFOUR PLANS TO LEAVE MONDAY WHEN PARLEY WILL PROBABLY CLOSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Its naval discussions concluded and the results written into treaty form, the arms conference turned its full attention to the Far Eastern situation again today, with the hope of bringing the Washington negotiations finally to an end this week.

SHAUGHNESSY DIES AFTER HARD FIGHT

Second Assist. Postmaster General Succumbs to Injuries Received in Movie Theatre Disaster—End Is Unexpected—Sudden Heart Complications Cause Death.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Edward H. Shaughnessy of Chicago, second assistant postmaster general, died here early today at Walter Reed hospital from injuries received in the Knickerbocker theater disaster Saturday night.

Although Mr. Shaughnessy's injuries were known to be of a critical nature, his condition had shown improvement up to yesterday and death was unexpected. Attending physicians at the army hospital said his death followed a sudden heart collapse shortly after midnight. Mr. Shaughnessy's wife and his ten year old daughter, Ruth, both of whom are recovering from injuries received in the theater disaster, had not been informed of his death at an early hour today. They are being treated at another hospital, the daughter having had both arms broken while Mrs. Shaughnessy is suffering from a fractured rib and shock.

The death of the second assistant postmaster general brings the fatality list of the catastrophe as now reported by the police to 98.

Good War Record.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Edward Shaughnessy, second assistant postmaster general was born in Chicago in 1853. When but fifteen years old he became ticket agent at Elgin, Ill. for the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, and subsequently superintendent, leaving when the United States entered the world war.

He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the thirteenth railway engineers and went overseas with that regiment. In France he studied the French language and then prepared a book of rules adapting American railroad rules to French methods.

He served as superintendent of transportation at Chateau Thierry and later, during the superintending transportation at Is-Sur-Tille. During the Argonne offensive, he was general manager of transportation in the zone of advance and by this time had been promoted to the rank of colonel.

Mr. Shaughnessy was appointed second assistant postmaster general by Will Hays to improve facilities for rapid handling of the mails and to work with the railroads to bring about better conditions along this line.

Patriotism Leads to Fracture Prohibition

HONOLULU, T. H.—Patriotism led Mrs. Julia Bloechan Rivera into the United States district court here on a charge of violating the prohibition enforcement act, and led to a fine of \$50 when she pleaded guilty. According to her story, three of her brothers were drafted into the army during the world war.

"I vowed that I would wear nothing but black for three years and if my United States won the war and if my brothers came back safe, I would give a big celebration," she said. "The (Uncle) Samuel surely won the war and my brothers live. So I prepared the celebration. But what is such a celebration without something to cheer and warm the heart? I decided I would make something to cheer. The officer came and arrested me. He said I was making Okolelah and that it was against the law. I did not know it. If it was, then I am guilty."

WILLIAM TAYLOR, WELL KNOWN FILM MAGNATE IS MURDERED AT HIS DESK

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—William D. Taylor, director in chief of one of the largest film companies operating here and nationally known in the motion picture industry, was found dead at his home here today under conditions which the police said indicated murder. He was shot through the neck.

The body was found near a desk in his room, upon which there was a cancelled check. The wound, according to the police, indicated that it was fired from behind Taylor by some person standing up while Taylor apparently was seated before the desk examining the check. The bullet went through the neck ranging downward and penetrating the heart.

WARMER WEATHER IN OREGON PREDICTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The weather man related today so far as Washington and Oregon are concerned and scheduled warmer weather, accompanied by clouds, rain or snow in those states, but he continued to write his predictions for California with an icicle.

WARMER WEATHER IN OREGON PREDICTED

Heavy to killing frost tomorrow morning may be expected in Southern California and the Sacramento, Santa Clara and San Juan valleys, according to the United States weather bureau here. In the San Francisco bay district the now familiar meteorological refrain "continued cold," sounded once again.