

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 37
Minimum today 30
Rain Trace

Predictions

Rain.

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

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ALL IS QUIET ERIN FRONT, CRISIS NEAR

Gunmen Checked By Troops— Total Deaths at Dublin 25— Ulster Refuses to Free Foot- ball Players—Mike Collins to Go to London.

HELFAST, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) At noon today Belfast was reported absolutely quiet the presence of troops on the streets having had the desired effect of checking gunmen's operations, which since the beginning of the present series of operations have resulted in twenty-five deaths.

Conditions on the border where forces of north and south Ireland are facing each other as the result of tension created by the recent kidnaping of Ulster unionists, also were reported quiet.

Shooting was resumed in the early hours of the morning in West Belfast after a temporary lull at midnight. Frank McCoy was found dead on a sidewalk with bullet wounds in the back.

The report of the death of James Rice, whose body was found last night says that an armed gang bound his hands behind his back, pulled his coat over his head, tied a scarf over his eyes, kicked and beat him and then ended his sufferings with bullets.

Shooting also occurred today on the east of the city, a section that had been relatively lull. Shots were fired into several private houses. Marie Teggart was wounded in the leg. Patrick Bradley, an income tax collector, was wounded in the stomach by shots fired through the roof of his house. The door of Father O'Brien's house was smashed by bullets and Peter Keeney and Frank McHugh were severely wounded while in their houses.

The deaths in the hospital of a girl and a youth who were shot Monday brought the total deaths in the present series of outbreaks to twenty-five.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) Twenty-four hours of calm on the Ulster frontier, where forces of the north and south are facing each other, have brought some relief in the tension of the Irish situation.

The statement by Lord High Chancellor Hickenhead, yesterday that in the next few weeks we are going through the most grave and critical period probably in living memory, is regarded as not particularly overdrawn.

Michael Collins' assertion that he was in a position to obtain the release of a number of kidnaped unionists was received here with relief but it is evident that the feeling in Ulster will not moderate until all the captives are freed.

The report current in Belfast yesterday that forty-two of the captive unionists had applied to the Ulster government for release of the Gaelic football players held in the Derry jail is unconfirmed and has been positively denied by Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Spender, secretary to the Ulster cabinet.

There is no indication from Ulster of intention to free the football players out it has been officially intimated that application for bail has been refused.

Michael Collins who arrived in London this morning, had a long conference with Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies at the colonial office during the forenoon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The value of livestock on farms and ranges of the United States showed a decrease of \$3,385,000, or 41.5 per cent on January 1 this year as compared with that date two years ago, the department of agriculture announced today in its annual livestock report.

LONG LIST OF KILLINGS IN WAKE OF SMALL BORE MEXICAN POLITICAL ROW

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three men were killed and one wounded in a series of shootings at Puebla yesterday, the affairs arising out of bitterness existing between the state government and independent political factions.

He Men Decide to Lay Off "Cigs" As She Women Use 'Em

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The anti-efficiency movement from Columbia university has been adopted at Northwestern university, it became known today. Kenneth King, Denver, Colo., elected president of a club whose constitution says:

"Whereas women are smoking cigarettes, wearing galoshes both buckled and unbuckled and prancing into realms heretofore restricted to men only,

"Be it resolved that we, the Beta chapter of the anti-feminist club shall shun and otherwise lay off the habits of the lounge lizard and the arm chair Napoleon."

Each member must have a pipe, cornucob, briar or clay and stand a fine of not more than \$200 if he powders his face after shaving.

ANOTHER OFFER FOR PURCHASE MUSCLE SHOALS

Alabama Power Co. Would Function Under the Federal Water Power Act, and Better Terms Than Henry Gives —Eliminates Court Fight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) Another offer for purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was completed today and arrangements made by its sponsors, the Alabama Power company for immediate filing with Secretary Weeks.

The Alabama Power company proposes completion of the Wilson dam without further advances or expenditures by the United States, and the outright purchase of the Warrior power plant on the Gorgas river, situated on ground already owned by the power company. The properties would be leased by the power company for a period of fifty years, after which they would be subject to "recapture by the government."

The offer, outlined to Secretary Weeks in a letter signed by Mr. Martin stated it to be the company's proposal to install at the start a plant of approximately 240,000 horsepower "subsequent installation to be made in accordance with the federal water power act as may be necessary to meet the market demands."

The Alabama company offered further to furnish "free to the government, or anyone it may designate from the hydro power plant, 100,000 horse power as required for the production of fertilizers and munitions of war and for research in connection therewith."

"Whenever the safety of the United States demands," the letter said, "the United States shall have the right as more fully provided in the federal water power act, to take over and operate the project for manufacturing nitrates, explosives or munitions of war or for any other purpose."

The offer differed from those received from Henry Ford, Frederick C. Engstrom of Wilmington, N. C., or so far as is known, from that proposed by C. C. Tinker, head of the Construction Company of North America, with headquarters in San Francisco, in that none of these agreed to function under the provisions of the federal water power act.

The Alabama Power company claims an option to purchase the Warrior plant on as favorable terms as those given to other private firms. Witnesses before the senate military committee testified that before congress accepted the Ford plan involving delivery of the Warrior plant with a clear title it would be faced with a long fight in the courts.

board of directors in the chamber of deputies, set for today.

Senor Moro's brother, hearing of the offer, then shot and killed Alonzo. Arturo Camarillo, inspector of police, learned of the residence of the Moro brothers. When the police attempted to enter another dispute arose, shots were exchanged and Alonzo and Fernando Moro were both killed.

EXTORTION NEST RAID NETS ALIENS

Federal Officers Capture Eight Charged With Preying On Los Angeles Rich—No Con- nection With Movie Murder Mystery—Gang Puts Up Gun Fight After 'Plant.'

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—A nest of extortionists which has been operating boldly in Los Angeles for some time, investigators say, was broken up here last night when a trap was sprung resulting in arrest of eight men, it was announced here today by federal authorities.

Federal agents today continued to search for other members of the alleged gang, including one known to have been wounded last night. There has been developed no connection between the arrests and the mysterious murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, and federal agents assert that they have not developed any information which tends to warrant attempts to link the alleged extortionists with the murder.

Large sums were involved in the operations of the gang, according to information brought to light. Some of the wealthiest men in southern California have been threatened with death by the gang, federal agents say.

Exchange of shots between federal officers and the suspects preceded the arrests last night of the eight men. In the house, federal agents say, there was found a typewriter, the type of which are declared to correspond with typewriting in letters demanding sums of \$20,000 to \$25,000 from business men under threat of death.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Arrests of more members of a band of alleged extortionists, eight of whom were taken into custody after a gun battle here last night were predicted for today by federal agents, deputy sheriffs and private investigators.

The officers kept secret their own names and the names of business men said to have received letters demanding large sums of money, under threats of death, for fear friends of the men taken into custody would exact vengeance, they stated.

The names and ages given by the eight booked "for investigation," at the county jail were:

John Marich, 31; Emil Gutte, 48; Mike Kazalek, 44; August Hellich, 28; Frank Sergo, 44; Henry Suzick, 27; Jack Randoff, 26; and Harry Akolova.

It was stated the United States marshal would prefer additional charges against Randoff.

These men were arrested in a house at 840 north Broadway, where the officers had gone to watch for any person who might try to collect a "plant" of newspaper cuttings and a small sum in currency, placed back of a sign board in seeming obedience to a demand upon a business man, head of a large corporation, that he pay \$25,000 in response to three threatening letters.

After a man had crept up and escaped into the house with the money, although his outcry and blood on the ground indicated he had received at least one wound from a number of revolvers and sawed off shotguns aimed at him, the officers rushed the house, escaped the bullets of half a dozen pistols fired at them, and made the arrests.

The man believed to have been wounded, however, made his escape.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—A statement that he met two armed tramps at Lathrop Junction, near Tracy, Cal., last December and they notified him that they had been hired to go to Los Angeles and kill a motion picture director by the name of Taylor, was made to Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson Tuesday by a man giving the name of Charles Carson, who said he was a sea captain sailing out of the port of San Francisco. Matheson is inclined to doubt his story.

Carson said he knew one of the tramps, who he called Bill Burns. Burns was wearing a cartridge belt and holster containing a loaded pistol. Later he saw Burns and his companion and another man leave in a gondola car in the direction of Los Angeles.

Carson said he was released from a Santa Clara, Cal., hospital a week ago and did not know of the murder of William Desmond Taylor until four days later. Fear of Burns, he said, kept him away from the police station until today.

The Los Angeles police were notified of Carson's story. He is being kept under surveillance by the San Francisco police.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Greater New York today experienced its heaviest snowfall of the winter. Six inches had fallen after the storm had been in progress a few hours.

The city marshaled 12,000 shovellers, 150 tractor plows and 400 trucks to clear the streets.

Film Stars Who Were Much Affected by Murder of Taylor, Movie Director



These beautiful stars of the movie world were deeply affected by the death of William Desmond Taylor, the Los Angeles film director, who was mysteriously slain. Miss Mabel Normand, at right, who visited Taylor's home just before he was shot, fainted when she viewed the body at the funeral. Miss Mary Miles Minter, who is shown in the costume she wore in the role of Cleopatra, became hysterical when she heard of the murder and shut herself up in her house. A letter with her butterfly crest, signed "Yours Always, Mary," was found in the Taylor library. "Dearest," it said, "I love you. I love you. I love you. There were nine crosses for kisses. She has not admitted she sent the letter.

HITCHCOCK CALLS FOR 4 PLY PACTS

Resolution Would Bring Treaties to Senate—Printed Reports Tell Almost Nothing—Harding and Hughes Disagree On Meaning, Says Nebraska Senator.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A resolution calling upon the president for information and documents concerning the four power Pacific treaty negotiated at the arms conference was introduced today by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democratic member of the senate foreign relations committee. On request of the republican leaders, the resolution went over to await the return tomorrow of Chairman Lodge of the American delegation, submitted by the president with the treaty, contained, "almost nothing" regarding the negotiation of the treaty.

Senator Hitchcock said his resolution was especially applicable because he declared, "It was notorious that there was disagreement between the president and Secretary Hughes as to the meaning of the treaty."

"This led to revelations and subsequent modification of the treaty," Senator Hitchcock added.

The Hitchcock resolution would call upon the president, if not incompatible with public interest, to forward to the senate "all drafts or forms presented to or considered by the delegates of the United States, the British empire, Japan or France, in considering the subject, of the four power treaty; copies of all proceedings, records, negotiations, arguments, debates, discussions and conversations which occurred between the delegates of the United States, the British empire, Japan or France, or any of them, covering the subject of the four power treaty or the supplementary note which accompanied it or the supplementary agreement relating to it and subsequently signed."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Illinois State Bank of East Alton was robbed of about \$2000 by three armed men today. This was the second time in three months the institution has been robbed, six men obtaining \$600 last November.

The Daily Bank Robbery

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 15.—The body of Sir Ernest Shackleton was to be put on the British steamship Woodville today for conveyance back to South Georgia island, where he died January 5.

The Uruguayan government will render high honors and a warship will escort the Woodville to sea, firing a farewell salute.

GRAND JURY WILL PROBE NEW ANGLE J'VILLE BANK CASE

The grand jury, when was not expected to convene until next Monday, unexpectedly began its sessions at the court house in Jacksonville this morning, and will be in session all this week and a large part of next, it is expected.

"The outlook is that the docket when the circuit session opens the latter part of the month will be as heavy, if not almost as heavy, as we had at last fall's term of court, if indictments are returned in all the pending criminal cases by the grand jury," said District Attorney Rawles Moore in way of explanation for the summoning of the grand jury this morning.

"Therefore I thought it advisable to convene the jury earlier than Monday and in plenty of time so as to insure completing their investigations into pending matters before the convening of the trial court term. The grand jury will investigate into an angle of the Jacksonville bank failure not hitherto looked into by grand juries."

The grand jury began investigation of the bootlegging situation, and among the witnesses called were B. S. Sandifer in charge of prohibition enforcement in this section. A number of bootlegging cases are before the body.

Witnesses in the Bank of Jacksonville failure were called for appearance, and the failure will be another one of the subjects under investigation. The present grand jury has made quite a probe of the failure, and has been in session on the subject longer than any previous inquisitorial body. They will make a full report on the situation, it is said.

STARVATION BEFORE GALLOWS AIM OF SENTENCED MAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Fighting against being forcibly fed, Harvey Churchill, condemned murderer, who has been on hunger strike in an effort to cheat the gallows Friday, today attempted to bite Dr. Francis W. McNamara, the jail physician.

Dr. McNamara was inserting a tube in the prisoner's mouth when Churchill grabbed his hand and sought to sink his teeth in it. The doctor jerked away and guards subdued Churchill.

Plans are being made to carry Churchill to the gallows Friday and hang him sitting in a chair on the trap as the jail doctor believes he will be too weak to walk or stand.

Church and Movie Attendance Cure for Couples That Battle

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Church and the movies were named as twin cures for marital ills by Judge John F. Haas when he sentenced Joseph Nowick to a trip to the movies with his wife every day and to church as often as services are held. He then assigned a bailiff to see that the first day's sentence was carried out today.

"Take them to the first church you come to and after the service take them to the movies," the judge ordered. "All they need is to go around together a little more."

SOLDIER'S BONUS BILL WAITS ON HARDING VIEWS

President to Seek Sane Fulfillment of Promises With Regard to Stability—St. Louis Service Men Torn With Internal Strife On Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—With President Harding known to oppose both additional taxes and a bond issue, republican leaders of the house began casting about today for other means of financing the soldiers' bonus.

Representative Mandell of Wyoming, during a visit to the White House, said, pending appropriations bills, particularly those for the navy and army would be scrutinized carefully with a view to slashes that would provide a good measure of the money needed.

It was thought that any deficiency could be made up through an issue of short term treasury certificates.

Mr. Mandell did not see President Harding, who was understood to be preparing a letter to Chairman McCumber of the senate finance committee, setting forth his views against the eight point program and an issue of five year treasury notes.

Pending receipt of that letter, the joint conference between majority members of the finance committee and the house ways and means committee on the bonus problem were suspended.

It was understood that all of the senators did not share the administration's views as to the probable effect of an issue of short time notes on the refunding operations of the government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate and house committees framing a soldiers bonus bill continued to mark time today in their consideration of how the necessary funds should be raised, in expectation of receiving from President Harding a formal expression of his views.

At the White House yesterday the executive was reported as viewing as impracticable the financing of the bonus in any large sum at this time by a bond issue while at the same time he was said to be unalterably opposed to the suggested eight-point tax program or to a return to any of the taxes that have been repealed.

The president, it was emphasized, had not lost sight of promises made by republicans in the 1920 primaries, but his attitude, it was added, had to be that of finding a "sane and defensible condition of fulfillment of those promises on the one hand and having regard for restored stability on the other."

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—In an advertisement appearing in today's papers

BILL BRYAN WILLING TO SACRIFICE SELF IF DEMOCRATS OF FLA. DESIRE

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 15.—William Jennings Bryan, responding to many inquiries as to whether he would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator from Florida today issued a statement in which he said:

"I have been actively engaged in politics for more than thirty years. With the exception of less than seven years, my work has been done as a private citizen and I prefer to continue to serve the public without the cares of office.

"If the democrats of Florida felt that as a senator I could render a service to the state and to the party in the nation sufficient to justify them in calling upon me to represent them at Washington I would consider the matter from the standpoint of duty and in connection with other claims upon me, but I have no thought of entering into a contest for the office."

"I am looking forward to congenial association here with Florida democrats who have been my collaborators for a quarter of a century. I am sure that our relations will be pleasant so long as my plans do not conflict with the ambitions of others or with their personal preferences."

'COMBINE' TO KEEP PRICE LUMBER UP

Trades Commission Reports West Coast Interests Regulate Output and Prices— Uniform Advances Noted— 'Outburst of Bunk,' Says Portland Man.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Lumber manufacturers of Idaho, Western Montana and Eastern Oregon "have organized and conducted the Western Pine Manufacturers' association for the primary purpose of agreeing on the prices of their lumber," the federal trade commission declared today in submitting to congress the fourth of a series of reports dealing with the lumber industry.

The activities of the association in advancing prices by concerted action were contemporaneous with a steadily rising price level between 1915 and 1920, the report asserted, adding that in periods of depression, members of the association acted in concert to regulate production so as to maintain prices.

The association has an organization in Montana which fixes prices within that state, the commission also charged and "there has been active co-operation between the Western Pine Manufacturers' association and the West Coast Lumberman's association with the purpose and effect of harmonious action on prices and production."

The conclusions submitted in the report were declared to be based on documentary evidence, "secured from the files of the company and its more prominent members."

"It should be understood," the commission said, "that this rather detailed presentation is far from exhausting the documentary evidence in the commission's possession."

Other "ultimate conclusions of fact" contained in the summary of the report published by the commission include:

"Notwithstanding price reductions from the peak of the runaway market of 1919-20, ranging as high as 83 per cent on the lower grades, most of the present prevailing quotations are far in advance of war time levels and none touch pre-war levels."

"The price advances made by prominent members of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association during the runaway market of 1919 were characterized by more conservative members and manufacturers as 'radical,' 'incredible,' and 'tremendous.'"

"When prices reached their peak in February, 1920, and demand was waning, an advertising campaign was proposed to stimulate it."

"In periods of depression the association members have resorted to concerted regulation of production for the purpose of maintaining the prices arrived at through concerted action and as a basis for recurring cycles of increased prices when demand springs up again. In the fall of 1921 prices were again advanced on the basis of depleted stocks brought about by a reduction of over 50 per cent below normal in the 1921 output. Notwithstanding a nation wide housing shortage, members estimate that their production for 1922 will not be over 50 to 60 per cent of their 1921 production, and there is trade talk of another runaway market."

"Approximately 80 per cent of the lumber output of their territory is in the hands of members of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association. The association members have

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