

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 50 1/2
Minimum today 29

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Probably fair

CLAIMS HE TOOK PART IN MURDER

Prisoner in Detroit Jail Maintains He Can Throw Light On Movie Tragedy—Officials Skeptical—Man Who May Be Sands Is Captured in N. Carolina.

DETROIT, Feb. 22.—Although placing little credence in the statement of Harry N. Fields, a prisoner in the county jail here, that he could throw light upon the slaying at Los Angeles of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, local authorities were awaiting further advice from Los Angeles before dismissing the inquiry here.

Sheriff Irving Coffin, who admitted last night that Fields had declared he could furnish leading clues in the Taylor case, declined to disclose details of the prisoner's statement. Edward H. Fox, chief of detectives, asserted, however, that Fields claimed to have a wife and four children in Los Angeles and that he was in that city on the night Taylor was slain.

Fields, at the time of his arrest two weeks ago on a charge of issuing a worthless check, gave his home as Buffalo.

Admits Guilt
Chief Fox, who interviewed Fields at the county jail last night, refused to comment today on rumors that Fields virtually had admitted being implicated in the slaying of Taylor.

Chief Fox said, however, that Fields had told him he formerly was an internal revenue agent in Los Angeles, that he later had become a drug peddler and that he came to Detroit three weeks ago in search of drugs.

Sands Suspect
CONCORD, N. C., Feb. 22.—Local police officers in the absence of word from Los Angeles were not yet certain today whether a man detained here is Edward F. Sands, wanted in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, Los Angeles motion picture director, or Harvey Adams of Richmond, Va. The man insists he is Adams.

Officers declared scars found on the prisoner's body correspond to those mentioned in a meager description of Sands in their possession. Adams agreed to be detained here until the officers could conclude any investigation they desire to make, local officers stated.

FARMERS URGED TO RAISE HOGS

SPOKANE, Feb. 22.—Importance to development of the livestock industry in western states of boys' and girls' farm and cattle clubs was emphasized by O. M. Plummer of Portland, manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, in an address before today's session of the Northwest Livestock conference.

C. W. Hickman, professor of animal husbandry in the University of Idaho, declared that thousands of dollars worth of feed otherwise wasted could be saved to the farmers by the raising of hogs.

The conference yesterday passed a resolution endorsing the Voigt bill pending in congress which would prohibit the manufacture of artificial substitutes for milk.

CHINESE POLITENESS IS TOO MUCH FOR SEATTLE COPS, INSANITY CHARGED

SEATTLE, Feb. 22.—Louis Chett, recently arrived from China, has discovered that in America to treat a policeman with too much politeness is to be looked upon with suspicion. When Louis had bowed courteously to a number of policemen on the streets here he was taken into custody on the possibility that his mind was unbalanced. When he arrived at the police station he bowed in rapid succession to the desk sergeant, the elevator man, the city jailer, the jail cook, to jail trustees, prisoners and even to attorneys who had come to the jail to talk to clients.

George Goodnight of Echo, Sells Ranch Then Kills Himself

ECHO, Ore., Feb. 22.—George Goodnight, a wheat farmer east of Echo, shot the top of his head off early today according to a report brought to a neighboring ranch by his wife and four children, who tramped three miles in the darkness through a snow storm.

Goodnight yesterday sold his 600-acre ranch to Roscoe Meyer for \$35 an acre and seemed pleased and in good health. No reason for suicide had been learned by local authorities this morning.

WASHINGTON IS HIGHLY LAUDED BY SIR ARTHUR

Head of McGill University Speaks for Canada and England at Pennsylvania Exercises—George Never Was a Rebel or Anti-British.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—It was the inevitable working of poetic justice in human history that the greatest conference ever held in the interest of peace should meet nearly a century and a half after George Washington's struggles and triumphs. General Sir Arthur Currie, head of McGill university, Montreal, declared today.

Sir Arthur was the orator of the day at the University of Pennsylvania Washington's birthday exercises. After his address the former Canadian general and General Pershing were honored with the degree of doctor of laws, conferred by the university.

Washington's ideals still live upon the earth, he said. The men and those who went out from their country and mine to die on foreign fields for their principles during the recent years of world tragedy were similar to him in spirit, he said. They, too, like another of your statesmen, preferred liberty to death.

Washington's rhetoric was never the rhetoric of a rebel, Sir Arthur said. It was the calm, judicious and earnest appeal of a man with clear and far vision who represented the best and noblest spirit of his age.

In formulating his theories of justice and freedom his doctrines of the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, his principle of governments instituted among men and deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, he was not alone in his generation, nor was he the first and only of the prophets. He represented the ideals of the majority of the thinking men of Britain. He was but one clarion voice in the great chorus singing in his time the psalm of freedom.

Washington was not without friends and comrades in ideals in Britain. His ideals were those of Britain's best. Weight of power was against him, it is true, but we must not forget the courageous minority who sided with his views.

Legion Lauds Washington
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 22.—Hansford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion today gave out the following message on Washington's birthday:

"On the day when every American who loves his country and receives its privileges of citizenship and its institutions, honors the memory of the founder of this republic, the men and (Continued on Page six.)

ALL DEAD WHO FAILED TO JUMP

Only 11 Survivors Erom Roma—Some May Die—34 People Who Failed to Jump Met Horrible Death in Blazing Furnace—Cause Disaster Not Determined.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 22.—Completely wrecked by fire and explosion, the Roman, the world's largest semi-rigid airship and the pride of the American air service had yielded up today the last of the dead of the disaster which overtook her yesterday while maneuvering over Hampton Roads and sent her hurtling downward to crash into the network of electric wires that wrought her destruction.

Recovery of the last body raised the total of the disaster to 34 dead, eight injured and three practically unhurt. All of the 11 survivors escaped by jumping as the ship struck.

Of the dead, 30 had been identified, although many of the bodies of those caught in the interior of the ship when she crashed were burned, blackened and charred almost beyond recognition. These dead included some of the air service's most gallant officers and men, the list containing the names of Major John Thornell, commander of the ship at her christening in Washington last December, and Captain Dale Mahner, her commander during yesterday's ill-fated flight.

Air service men from Langley Field, the home station of the craft began shortly after dawn today the clearing up and removal of the warped and blistered skeleton at the same time preparations were begun for an official inquiry.

Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service, who came here by airplane yesterday as soon as word of the disaster was flashed to Washington, made a personal inspection of the wreck during the night and ordered an immediate investigation.

Report Bag Rotten
Officers at Langley Field still were at a loss to account for the mishap that caused the ship's rudder to tilt and thereby rendered the 410-foot craft to become unmanageable. Possibility appeared however that the inquiry would take notice of reports that the bag of the Roma, constructed in Italy, was rotten, although officers at the field declined to discuss such reports.

The outstanding points of the disaster are:

First, that the left rudder of the Roma gave way when she was less than half a mile from where she went down at the army base.

Second, that there was no fire on the ship until after the tilt began as a result of the right hand side of the rudder went into an almost vertical position.

Third, that the craft became unmanageable as she swooped over the base reservation, narrowly missing a 150-foot smokestack of the central heating plant.

Fourth, that the immediate cause of the explosion with such force as to wreck the entire craft and set her on fire, was contact with a net of 2200 volt high power electric wires, less than 100 feet from where the Roma crashed into a pile of debris.

Fifth, that the Liberty motors which were being tested, were not responsible for the disaster, unless something more tangible should be learned than appeared today.

Charge Bag Was Rotten
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 22.—Reports that the bag of the semi-rigid dirigible Roma, destroyed yesterday at the Norfolk army base with a loss of 34 lives, was rotten, will be probed by an army board of inquiry.

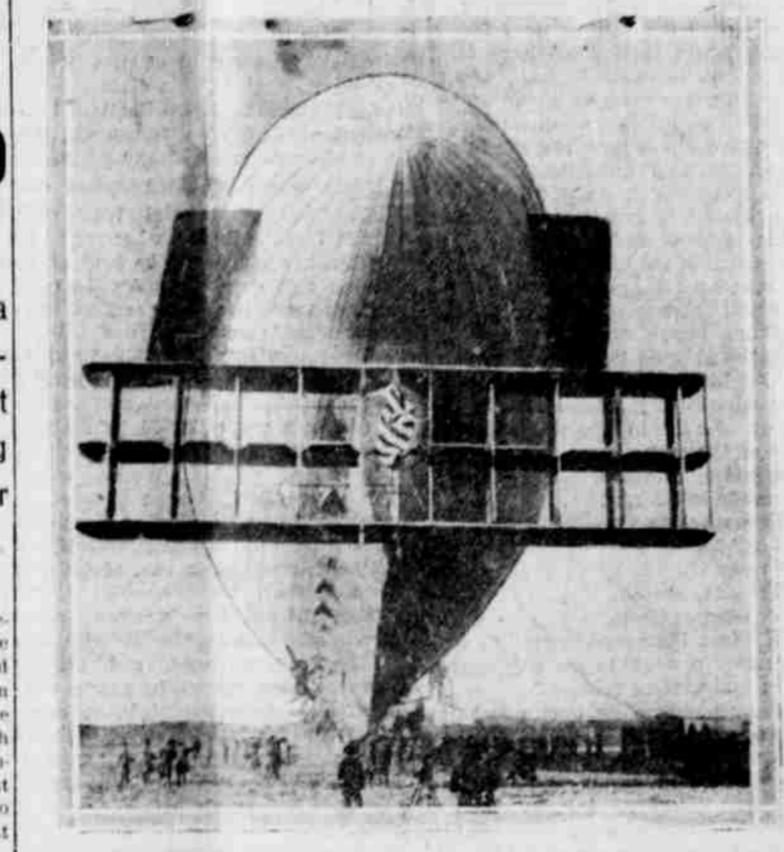
Both officers and men early today declined to comment on the report.

The board of inquiry will be named today or tomorrow and there will be a complete investigation, officials declared.

Belief was expressed today by those who saw the Roma on her flight that one of the after compartment gave way, forcing the rudder out of alignment.

Mechanics who worked on the Roma when she was first brought to Langley Field are indirectly quoted as saying the bag was rotten. This is discounted by officers and enlisted men, who point out that the Roma was given several thorough tests by experts before she was ever sent up. They further declared that had the bag been rotten or construction faulty, trouble almost certainly would have developed (Continued on Page Five)

Giant Airship "Roma" Starting on Her Last Flight Before Disaster



Airship Roma starting on its first trial flight. This striking photograph shows the Roma arriving at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C. after a record flight through a fierce gale from Langley Field, Virginia. The Roma was to make a tour of big cities in this country before the disaster yesterday, which snuffed out scores of lives.

SENATOR FRANCE OPPOSES BONUS; SOLONS AT SEA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator France, republican Maryland, spoke in the senate today in opposition to enactment of soldier bonus legislation at this time and outlined methods by which he said the country might be able later to meet the bonus problem. Among Senator France's proposals were:

Cancellation of the allied debts in exchange for grants to America of the former German colonies and cables taken by the allies; restoration of commerce and friendly relations with Russia; negotiation of a treaty for the development of Africa's resources, and reduction of German reparations.

The Maryland senator said he was convinced "it would be unwise and dangerous for us to attempt to put a further strain upon our financial system by attempting to pay a cash bonus of from three to five billions of dollars before attempting to find a solution for the problem of our agricultural, industrial, commercial and financial situation."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The house soldiers' bonus tax committee got nowhere today at its first session to discuss ways and means of financing the bonus. Several members were absent and it finally was decided to put the whole question over until later in the day.

Preliminary discussion, held behind closed doors, was said to have indicated that there would be a lively scrap before a manufacturers sales tax was reported out. There appeared to be little doubt, however, that the committee would recommend that form of levy.

The first real fight by opponents will be launched when the ways and means committee considers the recommendation.

Fifi Stillman's Papa Prominent Banker of N. Y., Passes Away

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—James Brown Potter, who died suddenly today in a suburb of Richmond, Va., long had been prominent internationally as a merchant and banker. He came of a family which in the past century produced two Episcopal bishops, a college professor and other men of distinction. He was 69 years old, and a member of the Wall street banking house of Brown Brothers and company.

During the last few months his name has often claimed headlines for his stern defense of his daughter, Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, defendant in the divorce suit instituted by James A. Stillman, wealthy New York banker, and his equally strong stand for Guy Stillman, her infant son, whose legitimacy is an issue in the case.

TRUCE REACHED IRELAND, AMID GREAT ACCLAIM

DUBLIN, Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—An agreement to adjourn the Ard Fheis, the Sinn Fein national convention, for three months, was reached today by the convention leaders.

The agreement provides that no vote in the Dail Eireann shall require the resignation of the provisional government and that there shall be no election meanwhile. When the election is held, it is stipulated, a new constitution under the Anglo-Irish treaty shall be submitted to the country.

After Eamonn DeValera and Arthur Griffith had answered several questions respecting the agreement, the Ard Fheis, by a viva voce vote approved the agreement and adjourned.

The reading of the agreement was announced to the Ard Fheis by Mr. DeValera amid a storm of cheers.

The reaching of the agreement came as a welcome surprise to the delegates generally as it enabled the Ard Fheis to carry its session over three months without the necessity of a split in the Sinn Fein on the issue of the Anglo-Irish treaty.

The belief generally after the adoption of the past was that it would tranquillize the situation in southern Ireland and the delegates gave evidence by the acclaim with which they greeted the announcement of the agreement that they regarded Irish unity as the greatest achievement toward which this representative body could contribute.

CITY HALL ANNEX TO BE COMPLETED, RECORDER TO MOVE

The new city hall annex will be completed at once and its ground floor put in use for occupancy by the city treasurer's and city recorder's offices, which will be moved down from the second floor of the main building. This change will be welcomed by the hundreds of citizens who have business with those offices, as it will do away with the present wearisome climb up stairs. This action was decided on by the city council last night.

It will only be a week or more until the change is made, as little work is to be done to finish the interior of the annex for occupancy. The safety vault for the records and permanent fixtures, walls and floor, were completed last July when the city council ran out of money to finish the rest of the interior. All that now remains to be done is some tinting and decorating work, placing stoves in position and moving the furniture and records down from the present offices.

Up to July, when work was discontinued about \$5,000 had been spent on the two-story brick and concrete structure, and in the building of the commodious steel and concrete vault.

Winter Storm Rages In Wisconsin While It's Hot in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(By Associated Press.) The northwest and the upper Mississippi valley today were in the grip of a cold wave, accompanied by heavy snow and sleet which was seriously hampering transportation and communication systems. Up per Wisconsin and Minnesota were cut off from all telegraphic communication with Chicago.

early today and meager reports indicated that many towns were completely isolated.

A new record for maximum temperature for February 22 in Chicago was set when the thermometer soared to 58 degrees at 10 a. m. with indications that it would go higher before nightfall.

CHARGE 50 CTS. AUTO CAMPS, IN STATE OREGON

Roseburg Conference Decides On Uniform Charge and 10-Day Limit On Time of Stay—Portland Man Is Named President.

C. W. Davis, representing the city and H. O. Frohbach, the Chamber of Commerce, returned last evening from Roseburg where they represented the City of Medford and the Medford Chamber of Commerce at the auto camp conference of municipalities of Oregon.

They report that the conference recommends a standardization of all camps with a uniform charge of 50¢ per car per day with a ten-day limit of stay.

The requirements of a standardized auto camp as adopted were very similar to those of the Spokane conference of municipalities for Washington, Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Western Montana.

A standard camp should require the registration of name or driver of car, license number and home address of the party. There should be toilets and lavatories which comply with the regulations of the state board of health. Holding for the protection and control of campers, under such plans as local conditions may determine. Fuel for cooking purposes and of a nature to be determined by local conditions.

Garbage cans and other sanitary measures necessary to the maintenance of a clean camp. Lights for the camp and for lighting the toilets or other buildings were feasible, but lights should not be provided for individual tents. Pure drinking water.

In addition, it was considered by the conference that under peculiar conditions of various communities it may be necessary and desirable and that it would be permissible for any camp to provide any or all of the features: Community house, shower baths, wash racks for cars, cooking facilities, tables and benches and a public pay telephone station.

A standard form of registration of cars was adopted and the Oregon Tourist and Information Bureau requested to publish a list of all standardized camps in Oregon for distribution among tourists.

Commissioner S. C. Pier of Portland was elected president of the conference and R. L. Whipple, the recorder of Roseburg, was elected secretary. All of the large municipalities of western Oregon were represented at the conference.

Drug Dealers Indicted. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—Five alleged dealers in contraband drugs were indicted here today by the federal grand jury. Eleven indictments charging violation of the prohibition law were returned.

LEADER FAVORS DROWNING CHILDREN UNDER TEN AS HIGH TAX PROTEST

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 22.—The sect in British Columbia, Mr. Peter Vergin, head of the Russian religious sect known as the Doukhorous, today confirmed reports that he had suggested a plan whereby the children of the colony under ten years of age, together with the aged and infirm, be drowned as a protest against alleged exorbitant taxation. Once rid of those unable to travel, Vergin proposed that his followers abandon their farms and wander over the country preaching the coming of Christ and living as the "vagrant working class."

While announcement of the plan was made by M. Kofinoff, head of

CURFEW AT 10 P. M. IN TEN DAYS

Long Discussed Regulation of Medford Youth Passes City Council—17 Years Fixed As Limit—Parents of Violators Open to Fines of From \$2 to \$25.

The long talked of curfew ordinance became a fact last night when the city council unanimously passed the measure outlined and urged by the Parent-Teacher council, prohibiting all persons under the age of 17 years from being in the streets, alleys, parks and other public places after certain hours at night.—9:30 in the summer months and 10 in the winter months, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other proper adult person.

An exception is made to permit persons within the age of 15 to 17 years, actually attending social affairs or public functions, an extension of an hour longer to be home. The ordinance goes into effect in 10 days. Parents of violators are subject to punishment of a fine of from \$2 to \$25, on conviction in police court, after the first offense.

This measure has been urged by the various parent-teacher associations of Medford for months past, and although laid before the council some time ago, had lain in abeyance until Monday the Parent-Teacher council, which is the executive committee of the parent-teacher associations, met with Chairman J. M. Keene of the city council committee on the subject, who introduced last night were gone over and agreed on. The councilmen and Mayor Gates discussed the measure with Aubrey Smith, superintendent of schools, and C. M. Thomas, a special committee to further its passage for the Parent-Teacher council, and made a number of minor changes. Then Dr. Keene moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance passed, and T. W. Miles seconded the motion. Councilmen Gaddis, Dressler, Miles and Keene voted for it. R. W. Antle, the other councilman, could not be present last night, but he favored whatever the council majority voted.

The ordinance reads in part as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of seventeen years of age to be upon, loiter, wander or stroll about the streets, alleys, avenues, parks or public places of the city of Medford, Oregon, after the hour of 9:30 p. m., from and including October 1, in any year to and including March 31st of the following year, and after 10 p. m., from and including April 1st until and including September 30th in any year unless such person shall be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or other such adult person lawfully and properly accompanying such person, excepting and in case of any person within the age of 15 to 17 years of age who is attending any social affair, or public function of similar nature, in the evening, such time limit as provided in this section for being upon the streets, alleys, avenues, parks, or other public places shall for such persons within the age of 15 to 17 years actually attending such functions be extended to one hour later and no more.

"It shall be the duty of the chief of police of the city of Medford to have the fire whistles or fire bell of said city blown or rung regularly every day fifteen minutes before the hours, after which it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to loiter, wander, stroll or be upon the streets, alleys, avenues, parks or public places of the city of Medford as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance, but such signal shall only be given for the regular hours as provided in section 1 of this ordinance and not for any extended hours.

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