

The Weather

Maximum yesterday.....48 1/2
Minimum today.....34
Precipitation......02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Probably Rain.

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NO MONEY IS ALLOWED FOR AIR PATROL

Agricultural Appropriation Bill Cuts Out \$50,000 for Fighting Forest Fires—\$360,000 for Free Seeds and \$1,000,000 for Seed Grain in Northwest Eliminated.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—By a close vote the house refused today to suspend its rules and pass a bill authorizing an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of seed grain to be used in the drought section areas of the northwest.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—An appropriation of \$34,978,023 to meet expenses of the agricultural department during the coming year is recommended in a bill reported today by the house appropriations committee. The total is \$2,710,026 less than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year and \$1,564,835 less than budget estimates.

Discussing the elimination from the bill of \$360,000 carried last year for distribution of seeds by members of congress, the committee in its report said the budget bureau in submitting estimates did not include provision for seed distribution.

The item of \$2,000,000 carried in last year's bill for loans to farmers for purchase of seed grain in drought stricken areas is not repeated in the bill reported today, the committee reporting that no estimate was submitted for the purpose.

The bill carries \$2,578,800 for the eradication of tuberculosis in animals and \$1,728,800 for the payment of indemnities for tubercular cattle slaughtered by the government.

For enforcement of the packers and stockyards act, a \$410,500 appropriation is recommended, while a total of \$165,500 is carried for enforcement of the grain futures trading act.

No Air Patrol

An appropriation of \$6,532,000 is recommended for the forest service, but no provision is made for maintenance of air patrol, for which \$50,000 was appropriated for the current fiscal year. A total of \$4,825,960 is provided for the states relations service of which \$1,300,000 would be available for farmers' institutes and \$1,000,000 for cooperative agricultural work—\$500,000 less than the amount appropriated a year ago for the purpose.

The bill carries \$483,320 for the bureau of public roads and \$3,503,583 for the bureau of agricultural economics.

Other items include \$39,000 for demonstrations on reclamation projects; \$400,000 for cooperative fire protection of forested watersheds or navigable streams; \$500,000 for the acquisition of additional forest lands, this amount being \$950,000 less than the appropriation for the current year; \$40,000 for experiments in dairying and livestock production in semi-arid and irrigated sections of the west; \$33,000 for emergency expenditures incident to the disposal of wind-thrown and intermingled, or adjoining timber on the Olympic national forest, and \$35,000 for the protection of the so-called Oregon and California railroad lands and for Coos Bay wagon road lands.

Secretary Hughes Returns.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Secretary and Mrs. Charles E. Hughes returned on the steamer Fort Hamilton today from a vacation in Bermuda, driving immediately to the Pennsylvania terminal to take the train for Washington.

CANADIAN MENNONITES START ON 3 YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 6.—One hundred and fifteen Mennonites, men, women and children, en route from Canada, together with household goods, milk cows, poultry, farm implements and general supplies, crossed the boundary here today and started for their new homes in Mexico.

Bend, Oregon, Snow Bound, Silver Lake Mail Stage Stalled

BEND, Ore., March 6.—Snow which started falling Saturday night, continuing until late yesterday afternoon had blocked roads to the south and east of Bend to motor travel. Five inches fell in Bend but the depth was greater south of here. Halfway between Bend and Lapine three feet is reported with four feet south of Lapine. The Silver Lake mail and passenger stage, northbound, was stalled at the Vandervert ranch Saturday night and horse drawn vehicles sent from Lapine did not succeed in getting mail and passengers into Bend until one o'clock this morning.

MEDFORD NAT'L BANK BLDG. TO BE IMPROVED

Work Starts On Extensive Alterations to Building On Corner Main and Central—Large Lobby, Consulting Rooms and New Entrance.

The work of making alterations and big improvements in the Medford national bank building corner of West Main and Central avenue, was begun today, when completed in three months from now will provide that well known financial institution with much more commodious quarters and every facility for modern banking to cope with its large business growth.

When this work is completed its appearance will add much smartness to that section of the business district. Only the ground floor will be changed, and the improvements include the excavation of a large section of the basement. Beaser Bros., of Seattle are the architects and contractors, and it is probable that they will let out much of the work by sub-contract.

The work has been so planned that during the three months of making the improvements the bank will continue in operation as usual every banking day with no inconvenience to its patrons. The cost of the alterations and improvements is not given out, but it will be well up in the thousands.

No changes will be made in the upper floors, but the ground floor will be entirely changed from its 25-foot front on West Main street and on 80 feet of its length on North Central avenue, as far as the present store bank quarters will be entirely rearranged.

The West Main street front will be changed to have its double door entrance in the center instead of at the extreme west as at present; the lobby will run the 80 feet Central avenue, length, facing the street with almost the entire Central street frontage enclosed by plate glass, and there will be a Central ave. side entrance to the bank for customers.

New and enlarged coin and safety deposit vaults of solid steel and reinforced concrete with electrical protection will be among the improvements on this floor. There will also be commodious officers and consultation rooms.

In the basement will be built a large storage vault, fire proof and burglar proof, with electrical protection features, and also well appointed lavatory and locker appointments.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Mar. 6.—The conspiracy trial of Governor Small was ordered postponed today upon his plea of press of state business. The trial will be resumed April 3.

J. C. Hildebrand, who said the sect plans to move the entire Mennonite population of Canada, into Mexico. The movement probably will take two to three years. Two hundred thousand acres have been purchased in southern Chihuahua and northern Durango as a nucleus of the colony's holdings. The Mennonites are moving into Mexico, the elder said, under the promise of the government that they will in no way be interfered with in their religious customs and educational system within the confines of the Mennonite territory, nor in any way be subject to military service.

SPRING BIG SURPRISE IN L. A. TRIAL

Case of Mrs. Obenchain Is Halted When State Calls Arthur Burch to Stand—Action Unprecedented in Criminal Jurisprudence—Burch Maintains Silence.

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—The trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, was halted today when Arthur C. Burch, jointly indicted with Mrs. Obenchain, refused to answer questions put to him when he was called as a witness for the prosecution.

Burch asked the court to permit him to consult with his attorneys before replying. At need court attaches had been unable to reach the attorneys and recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

The situation was declared by attorneys who observed it, to be practically without a parallel in criminal jurisprudence. Burch was tried for the murder of Kennedy, the jury disagreeing. A defense of insanity was put in for him, his attorneys making affidavits that he was unable mentally to confer with them.

When Burch was brought into court today Deputy District Attorney Asa Keys had him sworn, then asked him if Mrs. Obenchain met him at the train when he arrived in Los Angeles from Chicago on July 24 last, twelve days before Kennedy was slain.

"Your honor, I would like to make a statement," Burch said, rising, and addressing Judge Sidney Reeve.

"Sit down, please," Judge Reeve replied.

"I have not seen my counsel today, and I would like to see them before I answer that question," Burch said.

"Do you refuse to answer?" asked Keys.

Burch made no reply. In response to a question as to how he came to select the hotel where he registered, taking a room opposite to Kennedy's office, in another building, Burch again replied he wished to consult with his counsel.

The judge then directed that efforts be made to summon the attorneys. Attaches reported that Paul W. Schenck, chief defense attorney for Burch, was out of town and that his local associate, Richard W. Kittredge, could not be located up to noon. John J. Sullivan, also associated in the Burch case, lives in Seattle, Wash.

TO ERECT CHURCH HOTEL, NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—A combination church and 17-story modern hotel is to be New York's latest novelty in buildings. The structure, providing Sunday school space in the basement, a church on the first three floors and a missionary school on the roof, will be erected on the site of the Metropolitan tabernaacle, Broadway and 104th street.

A strict censorship will be exercised over hotel guests, and card playing and dancing will be prohibited. The estimated cost is \$1,500,000.

LLOYD GEORGE NOT TO LEAVE POST

LONDON, Mar. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—It was authoritatively reported in parliament today that the association says the London Press association that the political crisis has been terminated by the decision of Prime Minister Lloyd George to continue in office in deference to the urgent appeal of his unionist colleagues.

Taylor's Watch Charm Bears Mabel Normand's Photo



Among the effects the police of Los Angeles found on the slain movie director was a watch charm bearing a photo of Mabel Normand, the popular movie star with the inscription below "To My Dearest."

DRATE HUSBAND SLAYER TAYLOR POLICE BELIEVE

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 6.—The confession letter of ten pages, hand written on stationery of a hotel, and giving details of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, slain here February 1, was sent from Atlantic City, N. J., having been mailed there February 27, it was announced here today by Police Captain David L. Adams.

Captain Adams said that his previous statement that it came from a Connecticut town was a mistake, he having in mind a different letter when he made that statement. He declined to divulge contents of the letter or reveal the name of the writer, but said the writer was a person who had been prominently identified with previous police investigation of the Taylor murder.

It was the eleventh letter from individuals who claimed to have slain the director, the captain said.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 6.—Further checking on the latest "confession" to murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director—a ten page document mailed from a small Connecticut city—was planned today by officers assigned to the case.

According to the "confession" as described by the police, the "confessor" was a husband with whose wife Taylor had had an affair, only to "seem" her later. Then the husband and wife planned and executed the murder, the document stated. The name of a Hollywood man, connected with the motion picture industry was signed to the "confession" but the police stated they were certain that the man had no guilty knowledge of the crime. They said, however, that despite the fact they knew the name was not the writer's, they felt inclined to believe the "confessor" had some definite connection with the murder.

FRIEND LINCOLN URGES EXCLUSION OF JAPS ON COAST

CHICAGO, Mar. 6.—Citizens of the United States should band together to maintain republican institutions, suggested Barlow A. Ulrich, a friend of Abraham Lincoln, during the emancipator's life time, in an address before the University of Michigan today. Mr. Ulrich referred to the part universities have had in training men for public life. He also discussed immigration problems.

"The Japanese come to California and drive out our honest farmers with their subtle methods," said Mr. Ulrich. "They undertake to force us to give them rights which they do not give us in any of their possessions. They long ago should have been stopped without fear from this imposition on our loyal citizens."

"We must show that we look to the various branches of our government, the courts, and legislative bodies to guard our rights and give us relief for any wrongs we may suffer. They should not look to unions and propaganda voiced by foreigners, or to strike to gain that which they are entitled to."

TURN FIRE HOSE ON DRUNK, FULL JAMAICA GINGER

"It is not so much the drinking of moonshine that is causing the drunkenness in Medford as it is the drinking of patent medicines and extracts with large alcoholic content, especially Jamaica ginger," said Chief of Police Timothy today in speaking of arrests in the city Saturday night for drunkenness. "I will advise the druggists of the city to exercise much caution as to whom they sell such medicines and extracts, especially Jamaica ginger. It sets men crazy, fighting drunk."

L. Oltman, J. Morris and G. Hay, three friends and fellow laborers employed by the canal company, purchased seven small bottles of Jamaica ginger Saturday evening, and by the time they had consumed four of the bottles they had become crazy drunk and were fighting among themselves, at the corner of Main and Front sts. The police were summoned to take a hand. Patrolmen Adams and Prescott, the latter substituting for Patrolman Liggett, who is ill, responded and had much difficulty in landing the three drink-crazed men in the city prison. In his cell Oltman was so noisy and demonstrative that with the assistance of the firemen water was turned onto him from a large hose until he became quiet.

Yesterday afternoon the three men, thoroughly sober and penitent, were released by Chief Timothy on \$14 bail each, as it was their first offense, to appear in police court today. They forfeited this money by non-appearance.

Art Rose, a Phoenix rancher, was arrested Saturday night by Chief Timothy and Patrolman Adams for being drunk and quarrelsome, and Sunday afternoon he too was released on \$20 bail for appearance in court today. He also forfeited this bail by non-appearance.

COURT RULES OUT LOW GAS RATE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—A statutory eighty cents gas rate in New York City for 1918 and 1919 was declared confiscatory today in a decision in the New York gas cases. The Consolidated, the Kings County Lighting, the New York and Queens Gas, and the Brooklyn Union Gas companies, contended the statutory 80 cent rate confiscatory during 1918 and 1919, and after an inventory of their property and a report by special masters on their operating expenses, the United States district court, New York City declared the statutory rate void.

Watch Lost 10 Years in Wilds Still Keeps Time

VANCOUVER, B. C., Mar. 6.—After ten years exposure to the weather, a gold watch recently found by a member of a mountain climbing club has been restored to its owner, who declares it to be keeping perfect time. F. V. Johnson of this city found the watch. It was on a jutting rock at a height of 750 feet. From an inscription on the back he located the owner, the Rev. Benjamin F. Bacon of Yale university, who identified it as his property. The watch was given him by a church congregation in 1892. He lost it ten years ago while on a trip into the mountains near Glacier, B. C.

10,000 Citizens of New Jersey Sign Petition for Beer

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, submitted to the senate today a petition which he said carried the names of ten thousand citizens of his state, asking for modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wines and beer. The physical proportions of the petition moved Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, to ask humorously whether it might not be wise for the senate to appoint a temperance committee to examine the package, because the Nebraska senator suggested, "something illegal could easily be concealed in it."

LOCAL AUTHOR WINS O. HENRY PRIZE AWARD

Edison Marshall's 'The Heart of Little Shikara' Declared Best Short Story Published in America in 1921—Highest Literary Honor.

The distinction of having written the best short story published by an American in this country during 1921 belongs to Edison Marshall of Medford, who received official notice of the award today in the following letter:

Dear Mr. Marshall—As chairman of the committee of award, I have particular pleasure in writing you this letter.

Your story, "The Heart of Little Shikara" has won the first prize, or \$500, offered by the Society of Arts and Sciences for the best short story written by an American and published in America in the year 1921.

It is the custom of the society to hold annually a dinner in memory of O. Henry. The prizes are preferably awarded at this dinner and those who receive them are invited to speak. May we expect you to join us and to receive the award in person?

The dinner this year will be held, in all probability, in the week of March 20, at the Hotel Astor.

I should value a telegram from you (sent collect) stating whether or we may hope for your presence with us. If so, I will send you the exact date and place of the dinner.

Congratulations you, I am faithfully yours, Blanche Colton Williams, Chairman.

Personal address, 605 West 113 street, New York.

Society of Arts and Sciences, of New York, consisting of all artists and scientists of great renown in the country, give every year, as a memorial to O. Henry, a prize of \$500 to the best story written by an American during the year, and \$250 for second prize. The prize stories, as well as a few more from which the final selection is made, are published every year in a volume, "Prize Stories of 1919," 1920, etc.

The dinner where the prizes are awarded, at Hotel Astor, New York, is in all probability the most important literary event of the year.

The committee on award include Blanche Colton Williams, of Columbia University; Edward Wheeler, editor of Current Opinion; Glenn Frank, editor of Century, etc. The stories published in all magazines, all year, are read and judged.

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FOUR POWER PACT FIGHT IS LAUNCHED

Senator New of Indiana Declares Treaty's Defeat Will Mean Retention of Anglo-Jap Alliance—Pact Not Dissimilar From the Root-Takanira Agreement

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—There is no "alliance" in the four-power Pacific treaties nor any obligation to use force, Senator New of Indiana, republican member of the foreign relations committee declared today in opening in the senate discussion of the treaties on behalf of the administration.

Replying to criticisms of the treaty, Senator New, a close personal friend of President Harding, declared the four power treaties with the League of Nations plan and asserted that the treaties were "cooperative," while the league, he said, was "drastic and compulsory," and required submission of all questions to a council.

"Instead of threatening, injuring or impairing our liberties, free institutions, independence and sovereignty, this treaty (the four-power measure) adds to the security of all of them," said Senator New. He emphasized that rejection of the four-power treaty would continue in force the Anglo-Japanese alliance with its menace to America.

Regarding the treaty provision for conference and determination of procedure in case of aggression, Senator New said that the Root-Takanira agreement contained a similar clause. "We have had for a decade an obligation with Japan couched in practically identical language and yet nobody heretofore has suggested that this constituted anything resembling an alliance," he said. "Certainly during the ten years of its existence, this has led us into no trouble, no embroilment, no operations under a military alliance."

Borah Resolution Passes

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—A resolution asking President Harding what effect ratification of the four-power Pacific treaty will have on the Lansing-Ishii agreement between the United States and Japan was adopted today by the senate.

The resolution was presented by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, one of the treaty opponents, and was agreed to without a roll call, after a short debate in which Senator Underwood of Alabama, the democratic leader and a member of the American arms delegation, declared that in his opinion that "agreement" would be wiped out entirely by the series of conference treaties.

BABE FLIPS COIN WINS CONTRACT FOR \$50,000 YEAR

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—Down at the Yankee training camp in New Orleans today, Manager Miller Huggins and his American league champions of 1921 were anticipating the arrival of Babe Ruth, fence and record smasher and baseball's child of fortune.

They had been apprised of the fact that Babe, by the mere flipping of a copper, had won for himself a contract calling for a salary of something around \$50,000 a year and a \$500 bonus for every time he bumped the horsehide for a round trip of the socks.

Huggins had only one worry left, Aaron Ward and his salary complaints. Yesterday Ward and Huggins talked over their differences but failed to come to terms. Ward is reported to be holding out for a salary of \$10,000 a year.

ASSOCIATED RETAIL BOOTLEGGERS OF SPOKANE RAISE PRICE HOOCH

SPOKANE, Mar. 6.—Defying laws prohibiting combinations in restraint of trade, bootleggers of Spokane have effected an organization to boost the price of liquor, it became known today on authority of a police statement. At a meeting last week at the home of a prominent citizen, a price of \$80 to \$10 a quart for Scotch and gin, with a special bargain rate of three quarts for \$25 was agreed upon, it was stated. American whiskey and fancy liquors, it was explained, would come higher. Police were apprised of the meeting when neighbors, puzzled by the large number of high priced automobiles parked in the vicinity, notified the authorities. The officers said they were helpless in the matter since the members of the Associated Retail Bootleggers of Spokane, as the organization termed itself, failed to take with them samples of their wares.