

The Weather	
Prediction	Fair
Maximum yesterday	48
Minimum today	35
Precipitation	.01

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	64
Minimum today	43
Precipitation	No precipitation

Medford, Oregon, Saturday, March 18, 1922. NO. 306

LOCAL CITIZEN VICTIM OF KU KLUX KLAN

J. F. HALE IS GIVEN NECK TIE PARTY

Masked Men Take Local Citizen to Table Rock — Threaten to Hang Him if He Doesn't Drop Civil Suit and Leave Town — Assumed Fainting Fit Brings Liberty.

Wild rumors began to spread over the city this morning to the effect that J. F. Hale, the former well known piano merchant, was mysteriously missing after having been called out from his home late last night. By noon these rumors, greatly exaggerated had assumed a tragic significance and it was even said that Mr. Hale had been murdered, and it began to look as if Medford had on tap a great murder mystery of national interest.

By noon, however, the rumors had been run down to the bare fact that Hale had been kidnapped from his home, 619 East Main street, by a local Ku Klux organization, all carefully masked, late last night, and taken to a lonely spot near Table Rock, where with a rope around his neck he was threatened with hanging if he did not drop a lawsuit for money against a Medford man and promise to leave town at once. During this phase of the episode Hale fainted or pretended to, and the Ku Klux raiders were greatly alarmed for a time.

He was finally brought back to the city and allowed his liberty, whereupon he returned to his home at once, where he summoned a physician to attend him. So far as can be learned he suffered no bad effects from his thrilling experience beyond chill and shock. He is in retirement today, presumably at his home. The county authorities were notified during the night by some one and Sheriff Terrill and his men are investigating.

Late last night the Ku Klux organization quietly gathered at a rendezvous on the east side. There were about ten autos of them. One of their number, unmasked, appeared at the Hale home, rang the door bell and informed Hale that he was wanted at the long distance telephone. The prospective victim unhesitatingly accompanied the man to a waiting automobile in front of the house, ostensibly to take him to answer the phone call.

As he entered the car in which were several masked Ku Klux men a gun was placed at his chest, and he was warned under penalty of death to make no outcry or offer any resistance. The car at once started for Table Rock and enroute was joined by the other Ku Klux men in their autos.

Arriving at a lonely place Hale was compelled to get out the car and all preparations were made for an ostensible hanging. A rope was placed around his neck and he was threatened with death by hanging unless he dropped a suit for \$150 which he had pending against a Medford citizen, and promised to leave town immediately. In this connection it will be recalled that Hale had made all arrangements to leave with his two

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Dies in Poor Farm, All Money Spent For His Monument

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 18.—Abel Bennington Crawford who died in the Los Angeles county hospital aged 88, a ward of the county, will be buried today in the shadow of a tombstone for which he paid \$2999 eleven years ago. Once each month, since then, he has visited the cemetery and inspected the monument. For hours he would sit in its shadow and read. Later he bought a costly casket and had a steel vault embedded beside the monument. Then he drew up agreements with the cemetery officials and the undertaker, arranging for his burial. Crawford became ill ten days ago. His money was gone and he was taken to the county hospital where he died March 14.

ANOTHER CLUE FILM MURDER IS EXPLODED

Reported Arrest in Mexico of Man Who Served in War With Wm. D. Taylor, Slain Movie Operator, Scouted By Authorities.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 18.—A man said to have admitted he served as a Canadian soldier in a British company captured overseas during the world war by William D. Taylor, was expected to reach Los Angeles early today in custody of two local police detectives who had sought him in connection with the film director's murder here February 1. The name of the prisoner was not made public, and his arrest at Mexicali, Lower California, said to have been voluntary on his part—and his passing from the hands of Mexican to Los Angeles officers were conducted with all possible secrecy, it was stated. Advice from Calexico, Cal., just across the border line from Mexicali, stated that L. A. Cook, a rancher of Santa Ana, Cal., had accompanied the Los Angeles detectives to Mexicali and had identified the prisoner as one of two men to whom he had given a ride in his automobile near Tustin, Cal., January 31. These men, according to a story Cook told the authorities shortly after Taylor was slain, had made threats against a former British captain living in southern California. The prisoner, it was said, while admitting he had served in Taylor's company, denied he had anything to do with his death.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 18.—The mystery drama of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, here February 1 was relegated back to the list of unsolved slayings today when the district attorney's office exploded a false report of an arrest reported last night from Mexicali, Lower California.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 18.—District Attorney Lee Woolwine declared today that he doubted that any arrest had

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BONUS BILL PUT UP TO PRESIDENT

Republican House Leaders to Confer With Harding As Soon As He Returns Tomorrow — Speaker Gillett to Make His Decision Known Late Today.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Republican house leaders expect to confer with President Harding at the White House tomorrow night regarding procedure in handling the compromise soldiers' bonus bill. They are hopeful that he will approve their plan for passage of the measure under suspension of the rules.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Speaker Gillett was to decide today at a conference with house republican leaders whether he would entertain on Monday a motion to consider the soldiers' bonus bill under a suspension of the rules. Upon his return here last night from Florida, where he was the guest of President Harding, the speaker said he was not inclined to look with favor upon such a procedure, but added that he was open to argument. He declared that he had no message from the president for house leaders regarding the bonus bill.

Mr. Gillett expects to leave for Springfield, Mass., where he is to speak tomorrow afternoon on the treaties growing out of the arms conference, but said it was his intention to be back in Washington in time to preside over the house session on Monday.

Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, the democratic house leader who visited the capitol yesterday for the first time in nearly a year, expected to confer again today with democrats on the ways and means committee to complete the draft of a minority report opposing some features of the bonus bill. Whether this report would be submitted to the house today or on Monday depended on the decision of republican leaders as to the time that the bill would be called upon the floor. Representatives Garner of Texas and one or two other committee democrats were not expected to sign the report.

Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, who also has prepared some minority views on the bill, was awaiting the return from Connecticut of Representative Tibson before presenting his report in opposition to the bill to the house. He and Mr. Tibson expected to present a joint opinion.

Representative Lineberger of California, a former service man, who holds a petition carrying a sufficient number of signatures to insure a call for a party conference next Tuesday evening, called on both Mr. Gillett and Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the republican house leader. He would not discuss his conference, but it was understood he had urged the calling together of house republicans to thresh out the whole bonus question. Leaders do not look with favor on a plan for a party conference until they have talked with the president.

NATATORIUM BUYS BIG RADIO PHONE

An order has been placed by F. E. Merrick for the installation of a radio receiving station. It will consist of an elaborate equipment capable of picking up any wave length and sensitive enough from high power telegraph stations all over the world and from telephone broadcasting stations over a radius of 2000 to 3000 miles in the United States. It will be installed at the Natatorium and provided with amplifier and loud speaking devices.

Pony Sold for \$1050 Cowboy Owner Weeps

FORT WORTH, Texas, Mar. 18.—Jack DeGraffenreid, cowboy, wept this morning when he took his saddle off "Indian Molly" and turned the faithful cow pony over to G. C. Bias of Fort Worth for \$1050. This is said to have been the highest price ever paid for a cow horse.

MINISTER AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ELOPE



Marjorie Turner, nineteen-year-old, who eloped with Leon Ellisworth, East Berlin, Connecticut, pastor. She was a member of his congregation.

VISCOUNT PEEL IS NAMED NEW SEC'Y OF INDIA

LONDON, Mar. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Viscount Peel, former under-secretary of the war and air ministry and chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the present ministry, has been appointed secretary of state for India, succeeding Edwin S. Montagu, who resigned last week. Edwin S. Montagu resigned as secretary for India March 9 as a result of permission he had given, without consultation with the other members of the cabinet, for publication of a telegram from the government of India setting forth the position of the Indian Muslims toward the Near East problem as affecting the sultanate.

Viscount Peel is a member of the house of lords and his appointment is in line with the forecast that Prime Minister Lloyd George would replace Mr. Montagu by a peer so that another by-election might be avoided. Such an election would have been necessary had a member of the house of commons been appointed. Viscount Peel is a unionist. Before succeeding to the viscountcy in 1912, he served several years as a member of the parliament for Manchester and Taunton. During the war he was joint parliamentary member and in 1919 was appointed secretary of state for the war department and vice-president of the war council. He was named chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster when the Lloyd George ministry was reconstituted last April.

FELIX DIAZ, FAMOUS MEXICAN LEADER, SHOT AND KILLED

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 18.—General Felix Diaz, who was shot and killed near Hermosillo, Sonora, yesterday, was the revolutionist of Carranza days who in the early part of 1920 kidnaped and killed an American mining man named G. A. Whitford at Tepic and kidnaped another named Otto Land, releasing the latter, according to Guillermo Dominguez, chancellor of the local Mexican consulate. Diaz was the leader of 8000 revolutionists in the state of Nayarit during the Carranza regime. When the De La Huerta-Oregon revolution succeeded, an agreement was concluded whereby Diaz was to give up his command but retain his commission as a general in the army. Dominguez and others at the consulate were unable to hazard a guess as to who killed Diaz. Diaz was not the nephew of former President Porfirio Diaz of Mexico, who has a similar name, Dominguez said.

GIVES HUBBY DIVORCE FOR LOVE BABIES

Denver Woman Secures Divorce So Husband May Marry Soul-Mate, Mother of Two Children—Man Agrees to Marry Girl As Soon As Law Allows.

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 18.—So that her husband's "soul mate" and two "love babies" might exchange the stigma of illegitimacy for a name and respectability, Mrs. Grace Jarret Stoffel, legal wife of George Stoffel, proprietor of a local garage, obtained in county court today a preliminary decree of divorce.

The domestic affairs of the Stoffels were aired in juvenile court in August, 1921, when Miss Nellie Phillips, 25, complained to the court that Mrs. Stoffel was seeking to gain possession of the two children which she had borne Mrs. Stoffel's husband. Miss Phillips who admitted she had been "soul mate" of the garage man for four years, charged Mrs. Stoffel, a childless woman, with seeking to deprive her of her "own flesh and blood."

Juvenile court officials found Stoffel had been living with his wife and also for four years had maintained a second establishment in this city for Miss Phillips and his two children. Stoffel, who was 38, divided his time, both women admitted, between them. At that time Stoffel was ordered by the juvenile court to pay \$20 for the support of his children by Miss Phillips.

In court today Mrs. Stoffel told Judge Luskoff that she went to Indiana shortly after the juvenile court order and said when she returned she found Miss Phillips had taken her place in her apartment and had lived there since. She told the court her husband said he would marry the other woman as soon as he was free.

ASHLAND SMOTHERS REDMOND 51 TO 19

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 18.—Exhibitions of basketball such as have never before been seen on a Salem floor between high school teams featured three of the four state interscholastic tournament games in which the Ashland, Pendleton, Eugene and Astoria five won their way into the semi-final contests to be played this afternoon. The scores in yesterday's games were as follows: Ashland 51; Redmond 19. Astoria 25; Salem 18. Eugene 65; Joseph 9. Pendleton 45; North Bend 25. Pendleton and Eugene and Ashland and Astoria play this afternoon.

ASTORIA STRUCK BY HEAVY WINDSTORM

ASTORIA, Ore., Mar. 18.—A rain and windstorm struck here last night. The maximum velocity of the wind was 72 miles an hour. It had dropped this morning to 50. The temperature was mild and timber men here believe the melting of the heavy snow which tied up logging operations this week would enable many of the camps to resume operations soon.

Walla Walla Violinist Dies

WALLA WALLA, Mar. 18.—Edgar Fischer, member of the state board of musical examiners and one of the most widely known violinists of the northwest, died at his home here this morning following an illness of ten days.

Klamath Co. Health Nurse Skis 23 Mi., Saves Family of 6

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 18.—Miss Lydia Fricke, Klamath county health nurse, is recovering today from a hazardous trip of 23 miles on skis through a blinding snowstorm which she undertook for the relief of a destitute family of six in the northern part of Klamath county. Miss Fricke went to Kirk where she found the roads blocked with four feet of snow. Hiring four men, and equipping them and herself with food and clothing, she battled the way through a blizzard until compelled to camp for the night in a deserted cabin. The party resumed the task the next day and reached the family in time to bring the relief. Although nearly exhausted the party returned on skis the next day.

REIGN TERROR IS RESUMED IN BELFAST AREA

Bomb Throwing and Sniping Breaks Out With Renewed Vigor, Following St. Patrick's Day—Griffith Forbids Convention.

BELFAST, Mar. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Terrorists who had remained under cover all of St. Patrick's day resumed their activities today. Shortly after the curfew hour a news vendor proceeding home on his bike was shot through the breast and a man was shot and killed in Newtonards road. A bomb was thrown in Thompson street the missile wounding several persons. A girl who was wounded by the bomb died after being taken to the hospital. Newtownards road was in a turmoil after the breakfast hour. Two men dashed into Thompson street, in the Sinn Fein district and threw a bomb through an upstairs window of a small dwelling where an elderly woman, Rose McGreevy and her niece, Mary Mullan, were sleeping. Pedestrians who forced an entrance found Mrs. McGreevy seriously wounded and her niece mortally hurt. Miss Mullan died shortly afterward. Early this morning the body of a man was found in Claremont lane with a bullet through the head.

The bodies suppressed were: The Gagherafelt, county Derry, Guardians; the rural councils of Cookstown, county Tyrone, Down Patrick, county Down; Lisnaskea, county Fermanagh. The city council of Armagh.

DUBLIN, Mar. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Approval is voiced generally in Dublin over the note which Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann sent to the ministry of defense yesterday in which he forbade holding the republican army convention set for March 26. The intention has been evidence of something at the convention arising proposing the formation of an executive of the army, and the provisional government officials regard this as a deliberate attempt to establish a military government. John MacIntee, addressing the anti-treaty meeting at Harold's Cross declared that the Irish republican army convention would be held despite Mr. Griffith's prohibition.

MOHANDAS GANDHI, INDIAN LEADER SENTENCED 6 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

AHMEDABAD, British India, Mar. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Indian non-co-operationist leader, who was arrested recently on charges of sedition, was sentenced today to six years imprisonment without hard labor. The arrest and sentence of Mohandas Gandhi, whose power and personal magnetism have gained for him the title of "Mahatma" or wonder worker, were preceded by a long series of civil disobedience activities, which have aroused world wide notice. For some years he has been considered the most influential public man in India. Gandhi published his scheme for non-co-operation in September, 1920. In his program were included the resignations of their posts of honorary magistrates, the withdrawal of pupils from government or state schools and colleges, boycott of the courts and the giving up of their practice by lawyers. "Work hard and tire not" were Gandhi's last words to his followers before being taken away. He exhorted all those who loved India to maintain peace throughout the country.

MILLIONAIRE BOOZE YACHT IS CAPTURED

Customs Officials Seize \$50,000 Worth of Liquor On New Yorker's Yacht in Florida Waters—Owner's Brother Wires Daugherty for Release of Cargo.

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 18.—Customs officials today seized 565 cases of fine wines and liquors aboard the Patricia a palatial yacht tied up here and said to be owned by a millionaire member of the New York Yacht club. The liquor was estimated by officials to be worth \$500,000.

The yacht, it was later ascertained, is owned by James Shewan, and when the officers boarded the yacht, his brother, Edwin S. Sherman, rushed to a telegraph office and wired Attorney General Daugherty to order the release of the cargo. Shewan claims the liquor is the same seized at San Francisco a year ago by prohibition officials "but which was returned to him as liquor purchased before the federal prohibition amendment became effective.

The Patricia was built 13 years ago at a cost of \$300,000, but local shipping men say it would cost \$500,000 to reproduce her today. The unloading of the cargo which was stored in a warehouse to be held pending action by the courts consumed the greater part of the forenoon. The seizure was the largest ever made in this section of Florida and with the confiscation of three solid carloads of liquor on the tracks of the Florida East Coast railway here at Fort Pierce and in Jacksonville, Thursday night and Friday, brings the total seizures of liquor in the state to 1557 cases during the last three days.

NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—The yacht Patricia, aboard which customs officials at Miami, Fla., seized liquors today, is owned by James Shewan, Brooklyn ship builder and a member of the Atlantic yacht club.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 18.—Liquor aboard the yacht Patricia was seized in the harbor at Monterey, Cal., last year by prohibition enforcement officials who took it ashore to a warehouse for safe keeping. James Shewan, the owner, secured an order from Prohibition Commissioner Haynes for the release of the liquor. Shewan had an order at that time from prohibition authorities of New York authorizing him to bring the liquor into American ports if it was sealed outside the three mile limit, the fact that the Patricia was of British registry making it permissible to carry liquor on board.

Jap Govt. Sustained. TOKIO, Mar. 18.—A resolution introduced by the opposition expressing lack of confidence in the government, was defeated yesterday in parliament, the government receiving a majority of 169 votes. Six hours of debate preceded the balloting.

MOST BEAUTIFUL MODEL IN WORLD ENDS LIFE AT HARVARD "PARTY"

BOSTON, Mar. 18.—The setting for the suicide by poison of Pauline Virginia Clarke, was a subject of police inquiry today. The authorities had established, they said, that the young woman, who as a model a few years ago was declared by sculptors to be almost perfect in form, ended her life while drinking with a group of friends in her apartment. The friends included Bayard Wharton of Philadelphia, a student and athlete at Harvard college and Otto Hald Larsen of Christiania, Norway, a student at Massachusetts institute of technology. Larsen has disappeared.

As Pauline Herrick, Miss Clark's engagement to Henry James a Harvard student, was announced in 1913, but it was Lieutenant Commander William Thomas of the navy that she married. She was divorced from him a year ago. Wharton said Miss Clark invited her friends to the party of Wednesday night. She had been melancholy since her divorce and in financial difficulties recently. It was early Thursday morning when the young woman collapsed. Wharton said. She made no remarks indicating her intention to take her life, he added, and so far as known, died without making a statement.