

The Weather
Maximum yesterday 54
Minimum today 35
Prediction Fair

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum yesterday 62
Minimum today 34
Prediction Rain

Daily—Sixteenth Year,
Weekly—Fifty-First Year.

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PRESIDENT STANDS PAT UPON BONUS

Harding Refuses to Make Any Change in Expressed Attitude—Speaker Gillette Also Refuses to Permit Suspension of Rules—Subject Is Postponed for the Present.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The charge that President Harding and Secretary Mellon "boldly offer a bribe to the world war veterans to espouse the cause of the European powers in their efforts to establish a part of a general sales tax," is made in a minority report on the soldiers' bonus bill filed today by Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, ranking democrat of the ways and means committee and four other minority members of that committee.

The report attacks the bank loan provision and declares in favor of cash payments to the veterans. It proposes the legislation be financed by re-enactment of the excess profits tax with a specific exemption of \$50,000 and a restoration of the 45 per cent war time income surtax rate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Republican leaders in the House at a conference late today virtually decided to bring the bonus up Thursday.

Representative Mondell, Wyoming, republican leader said the final decision would be reached possibly by noon tomorrow, both as to the exact date of consideration and by whom the measure would be brought up.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Republican house leaders failed today to obtain the president's approval of the compromise soldiers' bonus bill but went ahead with plans to put the measure through the house.

Speaker Gillette refused to permit the measure to be brought up today under a suspension of the rules, however, and a special rule will be necessary for its consideration.

Leaders were to confer late today as to procedure and the time that house consideration of the bonus would begin.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming and four other house members were closeted with the president at the White House this morning for nearly two hours.

Speaker Gillette also had an appointment with the president, but because of the length of the conference between Harding and the house leaders the speaker had to return to the capitol to preside over the executive session without seeing the executive.

Upon reaching the capitol the speaker met with the house leaders and made known to them his decision not to recognize Chairman Fordney today for a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

While at the White House Mr. Mondell and other members of the house committee went over the whole bonus situation with the president, who was understood to have given no expression of his views on the compromise measure, with its bank loan provision in lieu of the original cash proposal.

The president was quoted as having said that he preferred not to make any recommendations.

Administration officers who have discussed the bonds with the president were under the impression that the executive had not changed his mind with regard to the legislation. These officers were of the opinion that the compromise measure would not be passed by the senate; that the measure either would be held up there or so changed that cash would be available to the veterans desiring it and the cost would be financed either by taxes or the sale of bonds.

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YOUNG DODGE RELEASED FROM JAIL THINKS OFFICIALS ARE VERY HUMANE

DETROIT, Mar. 20.—John Duval Dodge, possessor of a fortune of \$1,600,000, left the house of correction this morning, having completed a five-day prison sentence for automobile speeding. His release came at 8 o'clock and was carried out with the greatest secrecy, at the request of the prisoner. Dodge was taken to the rear of the house of correction, allowed to slip unobserved through a back door and was whisked away in a prison automobile to the home of his father-in-law, M. P. O'Connor, in this city.

Horrors! Radiophone Can Listen in On Any 'Phone Conversation

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 20.—Albert E. Proffit, discoverer of a new link between the radio and the telephone by which he can listen in on neighbors' telephone lines demonstrated its efficiency when he and a newspaper man heard a Pawtucket swain in a supposed conversation with the Providence lady of his choice and listened to two women discussing a dress worn by a newlywed at church.

The receiving set used by Proffit is located in the attic of his home. A short aerial attached to 25 foot poles on the roof are used. The apparatus is of the four step audio frequency amplifier circuit type, home-made with modifications.

FEMALE FAGIN'S ARREST REVEALS AMAZING CRIME

Two Boys and Mother Taken By Chicago Police Declared Most Unscrupulous Crime Group in City—Boys Forced From Assault to Murder.

CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—Through the arrest of two boys and the mother of one of them, the police today believed they had broken up the most unusual and unscrupulous group of criminals in the city.

The boys, Charles Shader, 19 and Frank Lee, 16, were held with Shader's mother in connection with crimes ranging from larceny and criminal assault on a mute woman, to murder. Mrs. Shader was declared by the police to be a female Fagin, who directed the vice activities of the youths and forced them into a life of crime.

Some time ago Mr. Shader, the woman's husband, was shot to death in his home, a large pistol being found by his side. A few days ago, Margaret Shader, sister of Charles, was found shot to death with the same pistol by her side.

Margaret's mother said the girl killed herself when she was refused permission to marry Lee, the boy arrested with Shader and his mother. Lee is a mulatto and the Shaders are whites.

Lee, sitting in his cell today, told the police that Margaret met her death through her refusal to obey Mrs. Shader's orders that she join the others in their crime activities.

Lee was quoted by the police as saying that Mrs. Shader had posed as a voodoo woman and that he was afraid to disobey her.

In the Shader home the police found more than \$25,000 worth of goods which they said had been stolen.

There was enough to stock a fair sized store. The two boys signed confessions, the police said that they had committed more than 200 burglaries.

Pres. Elliot Is 88 Today.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Mar. 20.—Charles Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, celebrated his 88th birthday today by doing his regular day's work. He said he was enjoying perfect health. He keeps in condition by light exercise daily and walks whenever the weather permits.

Miske Bout Called Off.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 20.—The proposed ten-round bout between Billy Miske of St. Paul and Bartley Madden, New York, light heavyweights, set for April 8 here, has been called off, it was announced today.

Given his freedom an hour earlier than the time set, Dodge escaped a battery of newspaper camera men, gathered in front of the jail.

Dodge put in several hours yesterday writing an article for the Detroit house of correction newspaper "Progress," published by the prisoners.

"During my enforced incarceration back door and was whisked away in a prison automobile to the home of his father-in-law, M. P. O'Connor, in this city.

KU KLUX K. DENIES HAND IN OUTRAGE

Imperial Kleagles Make Official Statement Declaring Organization 'Against All Violence—Money Presented to Pastor of Methodist Church Sunday Morning.

To the Editor: In recent issues of the Medford Mail Tribune and Medford Sun you made charges which reflect on the character and integrity of many of your best citizens who are members of the local Ku Klux Klan and also as the Ku Klux Klan as an organization has been greatly misrepresented we take this means to place before the public the following statement:

The Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is a regular fraternal, patriotic benevolent order standing unqualifiedly for the following principles: Pure Americanism, protection of pure womanhood, free speech and press, free public schools, restricted immigration, white supremacy and law and order and believes in and is constantly assisting all officers of the law in the performance of their duties.

From time to time influences contrary to the principles of pure Americanism have attempted to discredit this organization but the real Americans have not allowed themselves to be blinded to the real purposes for which we are organized.

The Medford Klan absolutely and emphatically denies having had any connection whatsoever with your alleged "neck tie" party.

The Ku Klux Klan positively opposes such mob action. One of its purposes is the "Prevention of the causes for mob violence and lynchings" and it will not tolerate such action on the part of its members.

Out of fairness to the many good citizens who are members of the Medford Klan and to the good name of the organization nationally we ask that this statement of true facts be given proper space and proper heading on the front page of your paper in your next issue.

JNO. J. HOOGSTRAAT,
H. E. GRIFFITH,
Room 112, Medford Hotel.

The above communication was handed the editor of the Mail Tribune by the above named kleagles of the Invisible Empire with the request that it be printed in justice to the members of that organization.

This request was granted, with the explanation that the Ku Klux Klan would be accorded the same treatment accorded to any other organization or any individual, who in a signed statement denied the accuracy of any statement or statements in this paper, no more and no less.

In the conversation which followed the editor of the paper pointed out to the Imperial Kleagles that this denial of any responsibility for the so-called neck-tie party Friday night, merely emphasized the danger of such a movement.

"Any group of citizens can put on sheets and masks, and commit any sort of outrage and the Ku Klux will get the blame for it, and it will be impossible to disabuse the public mind of the suspicion.

To this one of the kleagles replied that the Ku Klux is like the Knights of Pythias or any other secret fraternal organization, and that they stand as a body against any violence of any kind whatever. "To show you that this outrage was not committed by members of the Ku Klux I can state that there are only two Ku Klux robes in Medford, I have one, and my fellow kleagle has the other. The robes come all the way from Atlanta, Georgia. All we ask is that you give this denial proper publicity."

Give Money to Pastor

Two men dressed in the robes of the Ku Klux Klan entered the Main Street Methodist church, South, yesterday forenoon shortly after the service had started, walked silently up the aisle to the pulpit, presented the pastor, W. J. Fenton, with an envelope containing a statement of facts setting forth the aims and objects of the organization and a sum of money to be used for charitable purposes as the pastor saw fit.

Rev. Fenton recognized the garb of the organization as the men appeared in the doorway and remarked to the congregation, which was slightly perturbed for the moment, that they had nothing to fear as the ghosts were a terror to evildoers only. He stated

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Murder Jury Taking Mrs. Obenchain to Cabin Where Kennedy Was Slain



A most dramatic scene was enacted when Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, a Chicago divorcee, on trial in Los Angeles for murder, was taken to the spot in Beverly Glen, Calif., where on the night of August 5, last, J. Beiton Kennedy, her sweetheart, was killed by an assassin as he stepped from her side. She was on the verge of collapse as she was led by the jury trying her up the steps of the lonely canyon cabin. The photograph shows Mrs. Obenchain with the jurors.

PORTLAND MADE PACIFIC CENTER OF WHEAT POOL

CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—WHD 50,000,000 bushels of wheat already under contract on a 100 per cent pooling basis, the American wheat growers' association tentatively organized at Kansas City earlier in the month, expects to begin operations by May 1, according to W. C. Lansdon, Salina, Kas., one of a committee of three meeting here today to submit organization plans to Aaron Sapiro of San Francisco, general counsel.

The plans as finally agreed upon here will be referred back to each state association represented in the organization for approval, with each state to name delegates to a general ratification meeting at Denver to be held not later than April 15.

The Pacific Northwest, in which the Northwest Wheat Growers associated, already is in operation, will constitute one zone, providing an outlet for wheat through the coast ports. The headquarters is at Portland, Ore., with George C. Jewett, one of the committee meeting here, as general manager.

Kansas, Oklahoma and North Dakota growers have incorporated under the 100 per cent pooling plan while organizations are being perfected in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, Mr. Lansdon said.

TREATY DEBATE IS LOWERED TO NEWS REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Charges of an unwritten agreement between the United States and Great Britain to act together in any case arising under the four power Pacific treaty brought on another storm of debate today in the senate.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, started the fireworks by reading a statement said to have been made by Paul D. Cravath, a New York lawyer, saying he had "been told by every member of the American delegation," that an understanding for future cooperation between the two governments in any emergency in the Pacific had been reached at the arms conference.

The assertion promptly was denied by both Senators Lodge, republican, Massachusetts and Underwood, democrat, Alabama, both of whom were members of the delegation.

Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, called attention to a newspaper story that he was on the doubtful list in the final vote and said in a speech of a few sentences that he wanted the senate to know that he would "stand always against any alliance with a pagan yellow power."

"All this debate," said Mr. Lodge, "proceeds on the belief that the four American delegates were not only ignorant but were incompetent and were prepared to betray their government. We may not be as well informed as the senator from Arkansas, but let me say we love our country as well and are as well prepared to defend her as anyone else who hits on this floor.

"I have tried to listen with pa-

WEEKS ORDERS TROOPS HOME BY JULY FIRST

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Orders directing the return to the United States by July 1 of all American troops now on the Rhine were issued by Secretary Weeks.

The order includes the return by the end of the fiscal year of the entire force of approximately two thousand men excepted from the previous order of several weeks ago, and in accordance with which the home-ward movement of the majority of the American Rhine contingent is now in progress.

Secretary Weeks said that the operation of two army transports now being employed in the return of the troops had been ordered continued up to July 1, by which date all of the force would have been withdrawn from the Rhine.

The action of the war department was merely a continuation of policy previously announced for withdrawing the American forces from the Rhine territory as early as possible, Mr. Weeks said. It was indicated that the status of army legislation in congress in no way influenced the department's decision.

Secretary Weeks did not go into details as to how the functions exercised by General Allen in the Rheinland commission and those of the American forces at Coblenz would be transferred to the allied commanders. He confined his announcement to the statement that all of the troops would be back in the United States by July 1.

Decisions of U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The supreme court today reversed the United States district court for Arizona in a case brought by William Irwin in behalf of the reclamation homestead entrymen tax payers of South River reclamation project involving the question whether public lands entered under the homestead laws may be taxed by the state in which they are located, prior to the completion of the homesteader's title.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The supreme court today dismissed for want of jurisdiction the appeal brought by J. N. McBride, who sought to have reviewed his conviction under the statutes of Idaho of 1915 for having in his possession intoxicating liquor. McBride contended that the provision in the state law which prohibited the "possession" of intoxicating liquor was unconstitutional but the state supreme court held to the contrary. The conviction occurred prior to the enactment of the Volstead act.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The state of Arkansas petition to intervene in the boundary suit between Oklahoma and Texas was denied today by the supreme court.

lience and not resent the charges made here. But I do resent this continual implication which has reached the length that it is nothing more or less than accusing the president of the United States and the members of the delegation with what would amount to an infamy to make a secret agreement behind the backs of some of the other friendly powers."

Marriage to Frontier Only Is Latest Stunt For Russian Women

ODESSA, March 20.—Marriage to the frontier only is one of the new forms of commerce in Russia. Women are willing to pay handsomely those foreigners who by virtue of their passports, may pass freely out of Russia and so enter Poland, Roumania, Germany or other countries and take with them women passing as their wives. As Russian subjects, neither men nor women may easily get permission to leave Russia and, if so, the other countries will not receive them.

Subjects of Turkey and of other Moslem countries engaged in this marriage business sometimes take out four wives at a time, the number allowed by their marriage laws.

CLAIM BANKERS BEHIND BOOZE POOL IN SOUTH

Prohi Agents Declare Miami Banks Behind Bootlegging Contracts—Bought at \$18 a Case, Sold at \$100—Watering Profitable.

MIAMI, Fla., March 20.—A bootlegging ring has been uncovered here so thoroughly organized that its contracts were backed by some Miami bankers who also acted as trustees for the funds covering large sales. Colonel L. G. Nutt of the investigation bureau has reported to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

The liquor dealers, Colonel Nutt declared, contracted without hesitation to get any required amount of liquor "within 24 hours," and to deliver it wherever the purchaser desired, "at your hotel, the courthouse or at the postoffice."

"At the railroad station if you wished it shipped," the report to Commissioner Haynes said, "the local dealers will attend to all details and will furnish grapefruit or tomatoes to cover it up."

"More than a dozen of our investigators," Colonel Nutt said, "reported propositions of the above character and in two instances negotiations were closed with the aid of bankers, all of which will be revealed shortly in court procedure."

"Our investigators discovered that many of the operators owned their own smuggling ships, would make night voyages to a point near Nassau, Bimini or Gunkey, meet a schooner laden with liquor, make purchase at the average price of \$18 per case, return the next night and receive double the price from their purchasers, also making a snug profit on the fruit and vegetables for packing. They would explain that by "watering" the consignment could be doubled and even trebled in quantity and sold 'up north' for at least \$100 a case.

"So brazenly was the law violated in the vicinity of Miami that in several instances the principal prizes of punchboards operated in prominent cigar stands were bottles of liquor. Our investigators not only made winings of Gordon gin, Johnny Walker Scotch and Bushnell eye, but carried away the punchboard as souvenirs."

170 Bomb Throwers Jailed.

LINCOLN, Mar. 20.—One hundred and seventy syndicalists are being held in Fort Sao Juliao Barro by the government, charged with causing bomb explosions. They refuse to answer questions and have begun a hunger strike.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT MAY BE CALLED AS CHARACTER WITNESS FOR RICKARD

NEW YORK, March 20.—Trial of Tex Rickard, boxing promoter on an indictment charging criminal assault on 15-year-old Sarah Schonefeld began today in a court room so crowded that hallways had been blocked with benches to handle spectators. Assistant District Attorney Pecord was late in appearing and the crowd grew restless. Finally, however, examination of the 120 talesmen began.

The prospective jurors were asked if they knew John Ringling, connected with the Madison Square Garden in which Rickard is interested, or at any time had been connected with any sporting projects.

OBCENCHAIN JURY FAILS GET VERDICT

Another Murder Trial in California Ends in Disagreement—Jurors Reported Nine to Three for Conviction—Set New Trial Tomorrow—Defendant Disappointed.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20.—District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine announced today that the second trial of Madalynne Obenchain, charged with murder, would commence at an early date. He also announced that an investigation would be made by his office of the charge by jury members that three of their number voted for acquittal on the first ballot and refused to discuss the reasons for their attitude.

The second trial of Arthur C. Burch is set for March 27. Mrs. Obenchain's case was continued to March 27. It is planned to transfer it then to another department of the superior court where it can be set for trial at an early date.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20.—In her cell at the county jail again facing a jury trial for the murder of J. Beiton Kennedy, her sweetheart, Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, in whose case a jury last night disagreed and was discharged today, was resignedly waiting for tomorrow when it was expected her second trial would be set.

The foreman reported the jury "helplessly divided," and after each of the nine men and three women who composed it had been asked separately and had confirmed the foreman's report, Judge Sidney N. Reeve discharged them. Some of the jurors, favored conviction; while three, including one woman, had voted for acquittal.

They said that as "the hopeless division" came on the question of the guilt or innocence and that they never had reached the question of the degree of guilt. They were out approximately 56 hours, of which nearly 24 were passed in actual deliberation, they said.

Mrs. Obenchain with a pale, drawn face, but otherwise displaying no sign of emotion, was in court when the jury reported. She quickly returned to her cell in the women's department without giving out an interview, although it was reported she had become resigned to a disagreement.

Ku Klux Throws \$10 Cash Into Pulpit of Willamette Church

WILLAMETTE, Ore., Mar. 20.—Thirteen robed figures wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan entered the Methodist church here during the service last night and stalked to the front of the edifice and threw \$10 into the pulpit.

"Pastor," said the spokesman, "take this money and put it where it will do the most good."

The thirteen figures then bowed and stalked silently from the church.

Probe Booze Airplanes.

SEATTLE, Mar. 20.—Federal customs agents today began investigation of reports that soaplines have been operating between Victoria, B. C., and Seattle smuggling in liquor and narcotics. Millard T. Hartson, United States collector here announced.