

The Weather
Prediction Rain or snow
Maximum yesterday 49
Minimum today 31
Precipitation .08

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 67
Minimum 44
Precipitation .04

Daily—Seventeenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Second Year.

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DAUGHERTY AND WEEKS UNDER FIRE

Prosecution of Profiteers Lags Charges Woodruff of Michigan—Johnson of North Dakota Alleges War Goods Sold Low to Favored Customers By Cabinet Officials.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Representative Woodruff, republican, Michigan, said in the house today if the attorney general did not "fully look to the interests of the government in a pending suit against the Lincoln Motor company" he would "consider him guilty of misfeasance."

Mr. Woodruff's statement was made in the course of an extended speech in which he charged that the department of justice had failed to proceed in civil and criminal courts against a number of war contractors on testimony brought out before congressional investigating committees.

At the same time the Michigan representative introduced a resolution for appointment of a committee to investigate all war contracts made by the war and navy departments and the alien property custodian, the settlement of such contracts by these departments and the attorney general and the "civil and the criminal prosecutions or lack of prosecution of claims of the government arising out of such contracts, or the settlement thereof."

Citing especially the case of the Lincoln Motor company, Mr. Woodruff declared it received large contracts during the war for the air service, that a government audit showed it had been over paid \$9,188,561, and a receipt put in charge of the property had sold it to Henry Ford for \$3,000,000 and now holds the cash.

The case, he added, probably will be turned over to the department of justice and returned by it to the district attorney at Detroit. The claim of the government was declared by Representative Woodruff to constitute a first lien against the money.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Charges that the war department has sold property and is today selling property at "ridiculously and criminally low prices to favored customers, concealing from congress and deliberately misrepresenting the facts," were made in the house today by Representative Johnson, South Dakota.

"As proof of the fact that the war department is misrepresenting the facts to congress," Mr. Johnson charged, "a report by Secretary Weeks relative to sale of property, transmitted to the house last December, was 'the most fraudulent, misleading and criminally deceitful act that ever was submitted to the American congress.'"

Mr. Johnson declared the evidence he had obtained showed that the war department is "trying to control the department of justice by putting men who ought to be in the penitentiary on the department of justice payroll and asking congress to appropriate for it."

CORK GRANTS TRACTOR SITE TO HENRY FORD

CORK, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The city corporation today decided by a vote of 18 to 13 to grant Henry Ford the site of his tractor factory here in fee simple.

When the corporation recently issued a threat of eviction, Mr. Ford sent a cable message to the effect that unless he was granted the lands in fee simple, he would move the factory elsewhere.

'CHINATOWN GERTIE' ONCE BOWERY CROOK DIES, SAVED MANY HUMAN DERELICTS

NEW YORK, April 11.—"Chinatown Gertie," one of the city's underworld figures until eleven years ago, when she became a Salvation Army worker, is dead.

One blizzard night in 1911, "Gertie" weary of her miserable existence, purchased a phial of poison and sauntered down the Bowery toward her quarters.

She stopped at Pell street, an entrance to Chinatown, where a Salvation Army band was conducting a meeting. She threw the phial in the snow and followed them.

And so Gertie, pickpocket and concert hall woman, was converted.

Sunday she conducted a meeting on the Bowery, told the story of her life and converted several human derelicts.

Sunday night she died of heart disease.

Drug Store Tonics of Spring Too Powerful, Entire Stock Seized

MARTON, Wash., April 11.—Tonics and spring medicines sold in the Marton district by A. C. Carmichael proved to have such an exhilarating effect upon the users, and the demand became so great that the town authorities investigated. Marshal R. Ashenbrenner obtained a search warrant and seized Carmichael's entire stock.

Five tonics were said to have tested as high as 19 per cent in alcoholic content with five extracts alleged to have made a score of 49 per cent each.

SPRING FLOODS, HIGH WINDS IN EAST AND SOUTH

Torrential Rains Bring Up Streams at Alarming Rate—Cyclone in Missouri and Arkansas—Property Loss Heavy—Many Homes Lost

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., April 11.—Blown into a fury by a high wind, which sprang up about nine o'clock this morning the Illinois river forced its way through Beardstown levee at 11 o'clock today, flooding 25 city blocks under a four-foot sheet of water.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Spring freshets which already have flooded many lowlands, were threatening more serious damage today in many midwestern states. Rains, almost torrential, hit the rivers up in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Streams in other states were also rising but not at an alarming rate.

Snow was general throughout the northern and middle Rocky Mountain area, reports from Denver indicated. Lander, Wyo., reported that it was digging its way out of eight inches of snow.

The snow and wind played havoc with telegraph wires. It was not until late last night that the Associated Press was able to establish through communication with cities west of Omaha.

Winds of especially high velocity appeared to center in Missouri. Three small towns, Ash Grove, Harold and Luck, northwest of Springfield, Mo., were in the path of high winds and two persons were killed and property was damaged to the extent of \$100,000.

The storm today was moving eastward slowly.

HELENA, Ark., April 11.—Telephone messages from Melwood today stated the Methodist church and 25 or 30 houses there were wrecked by last night's storm and that about 70 houses were demolished on the S. Landon and Lumber company's plantation at Londell.

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., April 11.—The river level is falling today and is believed the flood crisis is past.

PITTSBURG, Kas., April 11.—Wilbur Pillsbury, of Weir, several miles south of here, while watching the overflowing waters of a creek near his home yesterday, saw a covered box float into shore. Upon examination, he found a setting hen within, hovering over 15 eggs, untouched by the water. He intends to let the hen complete the hatching.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Steamship traffic in the north Atlantic will be moved sixty miles south of the present double steamship lane, thru the ice danger zone of the grand banks under advisory instructions sent out by the hydrographic office.

WAGE CUTS FOR SECTION HANDS IS FAMILY BLOW

\$70 a Month Not Enough to Keep Home, Walsh Tells Labor Board—Further Decrease Only Invites Wholesale Infanticide Is Charge.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Any further reduction in the wages of railroad maintenance of way employees "would doom to still further degradation the families of 500,000 track and shop laborers who are at present receiving such low wages that it is impossible for them to secure proper food and the other bare necessities of existence," declared Frank P. Walsh, counsel for these employees, before the United States labor board today.

"The majority of these employees," continued Mr. Walsh, "are now receiving a wage of only \$70 a month, and within the last year have suffered a reduction of almost 20 per cent. I contend that no man can support a family at a level of human decency on \$70 a month."

Economic and medical experts have demonstrated scientifically that twice this amount and more is necessary to maintain a family at even the lowest level that can be conceived of at a minimum permissible to the household of an American citizen.

He suggested that this amount is less than the ordinary middle class family, living frugally, spends for food alone. "Evidence shows that existing wages do not permit of proper nutrition of children and cause a high rate of infant mortality," he declared.

"A further decrease in wages by this board would amount to an act of wholesale infanticide."

HOUSE PROBE OF COAL MINE FUSS COMES TO CLOSE

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The house labor committee today had concluded its hearings on the national coal strike for a time at least. Announcement that the committee had no plans at present for a further investigation of the strike was made by Chairman Nolan yesterday after several labor spokesmen had made a general denial of charges by operators that contract breaking by the miners' union had been a factor in the walkout.

The committee, however, will hold an executive session tomorrow to consider action on the Bland bill, which would set up a federal coal commission to deal with such situations as the present strike.

Meanwhile, members of the committee appeared to be holding in abeyance any further plans pending the outcome of Indiana General Daugherty's trip to Indianapolis to look into the question of the anti-trust law indictments against a number of operators, union leaders and others as affecting the prospects of a strike settlement.

WIFE MURDERER ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

LARAMIE, Wyo., April 11.—Trial of Albert O. Clark, former member of the city police force, charged with the murder of his wife, was begun in the district court today. Clark is alleged to have shot his wife to death after a St. Patrick's day party at his home March 17.

Barrett Cole, who is alleged to have looked through a window of the house and seen Clark lying on the floor with Mrs. Clark standing over her body, a pistol in each hand, was one of the first witnesses called.

SPOKANE, April 11.—Virgil Fitzgerald, who testified in superior court here that he purchased a drink of moonshine and then held it in his mouth until police officers arrived with a glass in order that they might preserve it for evidence, was to undergo cross-examination by the defense today.

Fitzgerald, who said he had acted at the instance of the police, declared he purchased the beverage at the soft drink counter of Charles Bruno, defendant in the case. Despite Bruno's exhortations to swallow it, he said, he held it until the officers came.

Radio Broadcasting Over Electric Light Wires



General Squiers, chief of the signal corps of the U. S. army, introduces a new medium for receiving radio broadcasting, and also talking via the radiophone. He uses the electric lamp on the desk of the chief signal officer as the aerial. The broadcasted tones were sent out by means of the lamp. The usual standard receiving set and amplifier were used.

COAL STRIKES TOO REGULAR, PUBLIC PAYS FOR RESTS

266 Indictments Not to Be Dismissed—Want Miners, Operators and Public to Get Square Deal—Strikes Come Around Like Circus.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 11.—Attorney General Daugherty was to resume today his investigation of the pending cases in federal court here under indictments returned more than a year ago against 226 coal operators and miners.

The attorney general planned to leave here late today.

It was believed that the attorney general would resume conferences with Judge A. B. Anderson and Homer Elliott, United States district attorney, with whom he conferred yesterday. At his conference with the attorney general it is believed that Judge Anderson declared he would not permit dismissal of the cases.

Coal operators have declared that the pending cases prohibit participation in any wage conference with miners. Mr. Daugherty declared last night that dismissal of the indictments is under consideration. He declared no decision had been reached.

"I may do nothing while I am here," he said.

The situation in the coal strike is a "continuous controversy," Mr. Daugherty said. "It is not a continuous struggle with periodical rests that come around like a circus but with not half so much fun to the people who pay the price."

"The government is not taking sides, but it is interested. We are not deciding now who is right or who is wrong. The government is interested in seeing that the people enjoy the natural resources of the country and get fuel at reasonable prices. It wants the miners and owners of mines to get a fair return on the capital and labor invested. The public will be willing to pay a fair return to both."

"The government is very anxious to know all it can of the situation," said the attorney general, explaining his visit here.

"I am here to investigate in the regular course of affairs."

SUICIDE'S WIDOW IS GIVEN BIG VERDICT

TACOMA, April 11.—A decision in favor of Mrs. Maude E. Stewart in her \$45,000 suit against the Prudential and Mutual Life Insurance companies was handed down by Judge Edward C. Cushman in the United States district court here. Mrs. Stewart sued the insurance companies for the value of the policies issued by them on the life of her husband, former cashier of the Kelso State bank, who disappeared a year ago and who was believed to have committed suicide in the Columbia river.

Judge Cushman held that the probability of Stewart having committed suicide was greater than that he had deliberately planned to disappear.

The Noted Dead

NEW YORK, April 11.—Mrs. Florence Marion Howe Hall, eldest surviving daughter of the late Samuel Gridley Howe and Julia Ward Howe, is dead at her home in Highbridge, N. Y.

Mothers Day May 14.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 11.—Endorsement of the observance of Mothers' Day on May 14, by the American Legion auxiliary was given by President Harding in a letter received by Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, national president of the Auxiliary.

Cuts Throat On Axe While On Trail of Cat in Woodshed

BLAINE, Wash., April 11.—When J. P. Hyde took his gun and tripped into his woodshed on the trail of a stray cat here last night he tripped as he entered the door. In falling he cut his throat on an axe lying on the woodshed floor, at the same time discharging the gun, the shot entering his head. He is at the hospital here in a precarious condition.

MEXICAN REBELS AND THUGS BUSY IN 3 PROVINCES

Open Revolt in Jalisco Against Obregon Regime—Federal Troops in Vera Cruz Defeated—Northern States Also Grow Restless.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official advices received here today indicate increased revolutionary and bandit activity in the states of Vera Cruz, Jalisco and Nayarit in Mexico. The rebels in Nayarit were reported to number from 200 to 300 men under the leadership of Pablo Gonzales. In Jalisco, six separate bands were reported in the field in open rebellion against the central government, although their strength thus far is regarded as insignificant.

The activity in Vera Cruz was reported to have assumed considerable importance in view of the defeat which the rebel leader, General Miguel Aleman, which a band estimated at 800 men recently annihilated at federal forces.

Noticeable decline in bandit movements in the northern states of Mexico was reported in the dispatches despite sporadic uprisings in the states of Chihuahua and in southwestern Chihuahua and Durango.

DERAILED TRAIN IS DEATH TO FIVE

CHICAGO, April 11.—The Chicago and Northwestern Continental limited from the Pacific coast to Chicago was derailed near Watkins, Iowa, today and four or five passengers were injured, according to officials reports received at the road's local offices here. Wrecking trains were sent from Boone, Iowa, and from Clinton carrying doctors with orders to take the injured to Cedar Rapids hospitals if their condition was serious. A broken rail caused the wreck.

ASK IRISH FUSSERS TO GET TOGETHER

BELFAST, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin has issued invitations to prominent leaders of the opposing parties of southern Ireland to meet for discussion of the entire political situation with a view to reaching unity. It was learned here this afternoon. It is stated on reliable authority that Michael Collins has accepted the invitation.

AMERICANS LOSE RESPECT OF COURTS, TOO MUCH "MUSH" FOR OUTLAWS

CHICAGO, April 11.—Lawyers are one of the most important factors in the suppression of crime, Henry Barrett Chamberlain, operating director of the Chicago crime commission, said in an address today before the committee on law enforcement of the American Bar association.

"American citizens are losing their respect for the courts," he said.

"In Chicago they know that last year by average less than one out of four of the defendants tried for murder in Cook county were convicted and of the 6723 defendants actually tried in the criminal court for felony, that only 1674 paid any penalty. They know that out of that number only 757 received penitentiary or reformatory sentences. They know that the operations of Chicago's legal machinery, controlled by the bench and bar, placed on the streets of Chicago 236 more criminals than the same machinery sent to prison last year. Knowledge of this fact brings dismay to responsible citizens and rejoicing to the hearts of the crooks."

Mr. Chamberlain declared that "part of the trouble is the nambypamby, sickening sentimentality for outlaws convicted of crime."

GENOA MEET STIRRED BY RUSS KICKS

Lloyd George Holds Better Quit if Delegates Continue Petty Fussing—France and Russia Quarrel, and Settle—Object to Japs and Rumania.

GENOA, April 11.—(By Associated Press.) At this afternoon's meeting of the principal conference committee, which is to consider Russian affairs, Foreign Minister Chicherin of Russia protested against the presence of the Rumanian and Japanese delegates, because Rumania was occupying Bessarabia and Japan was occupying portions of Siberia.

Premier Facta of Italy, who was presiding over the committee declined to consider the Russian protest, giving as his reason that all the countries invited to the conference had a right to be represented on its committees.

The opposition to the presence of the delegates from the two countries was an outgrowth of the Franco-Russian incident at the opening session of the conference. M. Barthou of France and the conference M. Theunys for Belgium, placed themselves in opposition to the German and Russian representatives being admitted to the principal committee while the representatives of the smaller countries which fought with the allies were excluded.

Premiers Facta and Lloyd George and Signor Schanzer maintained it would be impossible not to permit the Russians and the Germans to be represented on the committee to deal chiefly with the problems affecting Germany and Russia.

Premier Theunys in his argument said the Germans were unworthy of taking part in the work of a committee of such importance in association with the representatives of honorable countries.

The discussion became so heated that Mr. Lloyd George declared emphatically that if such an intransigent spirit was going to prevail it might be as well immediately to break up the conference, the principal object of which was to re-admit Russia and Germany to the European family.

The work of conciliation undertaken by Premier Facta and Signor Schanzer was finally successful.

As originally planned the committee comprised British, French, Italian, Belgian, Japanese, German and Russian delegates. In addition, representatives of Poland, Roumania, Switzerland and Sweden were admitted this afternoon after the morning's argument.

GENOA, April 11.—(By Associated Press.) Consideration of the Russian question by the international economic and financial conference began today with the meeting of the Russian commission appointed yesterday by the conference chairman, Premier Facta of Italy.

The clash between the Russians and French at the opening session yesterday still was the subject of excited comment as the delegates gathered today. Allied diplomats believe that only the prompt intervention of Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain and the firm attitude of the chairman averted a break which would have seriously affected the coming deliberations.

Announcement by George Chicherin, head of the soviet delegation, that Russia was prepared to support any proposals that would avert war or

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