

The Weather
Rain tonight and Saturday.
Maximum today 47
Minimum today 37
Precipitation 0.3

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 51
Minimum 28
Precipitation Trace

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1922

NO. 20

PLEADS FOR U. S. ARMY OF 150,000

Major Harord, Deputy Chief of Staff, Declares Further Cut Would Seriously Endanger Country—Something Must Give Away Unless Pacifists Stop.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The regular army cannot accomplish the task set for it by law with a personnel of less than 150,000, Major General J. G. Harbord, deputy chief of staff, declared today before the senate appropriations committee in connection with its consideration of the pending army appropriation bill.

Comparison with the pre-war army authorized in 1916 would be misleading, since the army then numbered 55 regiments of infantry, against 28 at present, 25 cavalry regiments against 14 and 21 regiments of field artillery against 18, not to mention various new units which since have been added, all of which tended to reduce the strength of the "fighting elements."

Defense Imperilled. "I believe the appropriation, as inserted by the house of representatives is dangerously small and imperils the national defense," General Harbord continued, and particularly striking at the National Guard and the organized reserves, the reserve officers training camps and the civilian military training camps and so reduces the regular estimate that the purpose of the act of June 4, 1920 (national defense amended) cannot be carried out.

General Harbord outlined the required functions of the war department. "The first and primary duty, he said, was to train and develop the National Guard."

"This we consider our principal mission," he explained, "there are now employed in the work 965,000 men and 1800 soldiers."

Should we be again forced into war," he said, "our overseas garrisons would practically remain as the emergency finds them. It is doubtful if we could reinforce them after we had actually begun and to do it while relations were strained would probably precipitate matters; the first overt act in the war between Russia and Japan preceded the declaration of war."

Asks Pennsylvania To Collect Bill for Sheep Bought in 1780

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 14.—The commonwealth of Pennsylvania today was presented with a bill for one hundred pounds sterling for two head of sheep purchased for the use of the American revolutionary army under what is termed the "army act of June 1, 1780."

TAKES POISON TO GUIDE MATE TO HAPPINESS

N. J. Woman Kills Baby Son and Attempts Suicide, Believing Action Will Lead to Happiness in the Spiritual World.

NEWARK, N. J., April 14.—Mrs. Maud Fancher, who swallowed poison yesterday after slaying her baby son, Cecil Raymond, hoped to guide her husband to happiness as an emancipated spirit. She is at death's door in a city hospital.

The story of her belief in spiritualism was told in the three letters—one of 20 pages written before she took the poison, one after the baby's death and the third as she was half-conscious herself.

Mr. Fancher said today that soon after they married three years ago, he and his wife attended a seance and both talked to their dead parents. Since that time, he said, Mrs. Fancher had taken a great interest in spiritualism.

"That seance," he said, "put the whole idea into her head. She thought she could do better for me if she were dead, and would guide me to Heaven."

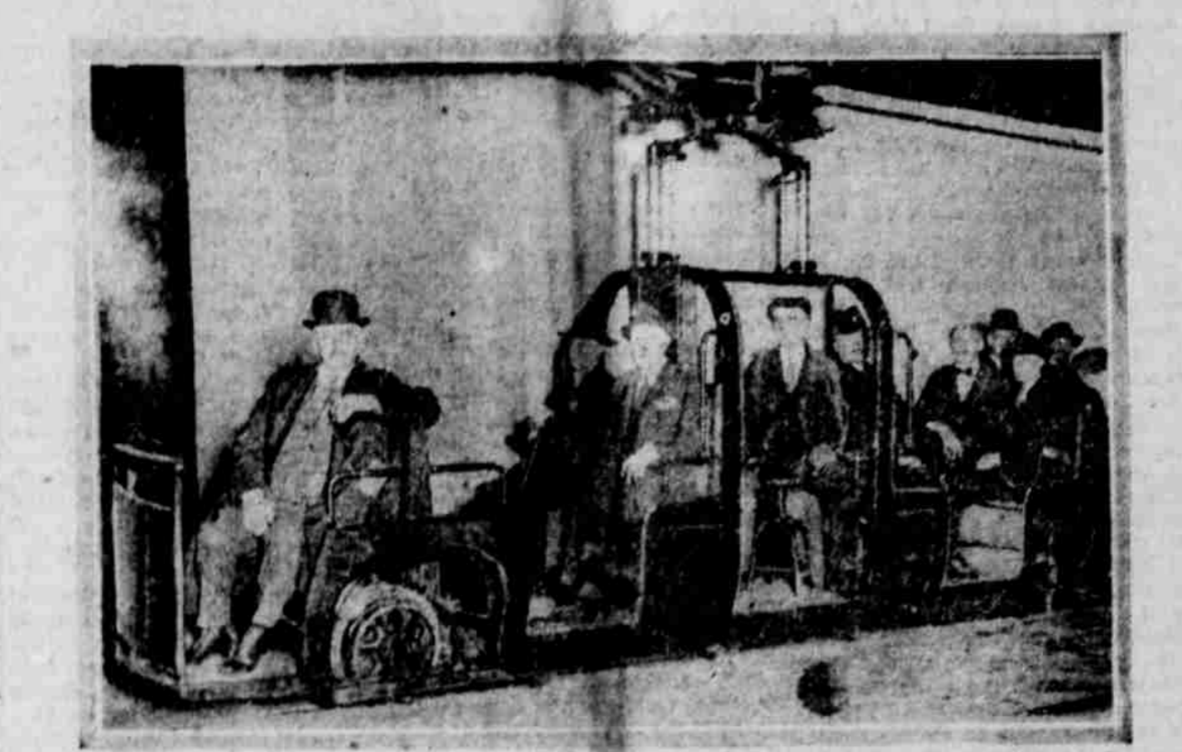
"Dear, my heart is breaking at leaving you and you love the baby so, too," she wrote. "But remember you are to get yourself another son and a sweet one too, for I am going to guide you until you do."

NOTED TENOR STRICKEN BUT PASSES CRISIS

NEW YORK, April 14.—John McCormick, noted tenor, who was stricken with an affection of the throat here last Saturday and whose illness became alarming Wednesday was declared today to have passed the crisis, but will not be able to sing again for several months.

Mail Robbery Frustrated. GRANITE CITY, Ill., April 14.—Vigilance of police officers today prevented a \$50,000 payroll robbery and resulted in the arrest of a lone bandit, who attempted to rob the driver of an automobile truck carrying the money to the postoffice here. A shipment of \$20,000 also was to be received today.

WORLD'S SMALLEST SUBWAY



That's what senators call their own private conveyance which they use in scurrying back and forth between the senate and their offices. It is electrically operated and runs on a monorail. Rides are free to those eligible.

6 CANDIDATES IN REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR RACE

SALEM, Ore., April 14.—Today was the last day for filing by state and legislative candidates for primary nominations and there was a great rush at the secretary of state's office. Every mail was full of entries for the primary elections of both parties, which will be held May 18.

For the democratic nomination Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande has filed and Harvey G. Starkweather of Portland was expected to file today. Unless there are last minute filings, the primary ticket for congressional nominations will be: Representative, first district, W. C. Hawley, Salem, republican; Earl E. Fisher, Beaverton, republican; A. W. Norblad, Astoria, republican.

Representative second district—N. T. Sinnott, The Dalles, republican; James H. Gwinn, Pendleton, republican; James Harvey Graham, Baker, democrat.

Representative third district—Franklin Koppel, Portland, republican; C. N. McArthur, Portland, republican; Maurice E. Crumpacker, Portland, republican; Robert A. Miller, Portland, democrat; Robert G. Duncan, Portland, democrat.

Public service commissioner (state at large)—J. R. Titheroff, Portland, republican; E. W. Lyman, Portland, republican; Thomas K. Campbell, Portland.

Members of national committees—Ralph E. Williams, Portland, republican; J. W. Morrow, Portland, democrat; Will E. King, Portland, democrat.

Condor Seizes Baby, Father Kills Bird, Child Is Recovered

GENEVA, April 14.—Seizure of a Swiss peasant's baby by a huge bird identified as a condor, is chronicled by the Oberlander Volks Zeitung. The mother, while feeding her garden on the slopes of the high Hasliberg mountains, left the child sitting on a blanket on the grass. Her husband, seeing the condor swoop down and lift the infant into the air, ran for his army rifle and shot the bird, which fell so slowly that the youngster was only slightly injured.

FATTY'S DEFENSE COST \$110,000; RELEASE FILMS

Three Trials Expensive for Screen Comedian. But the Money for Third Not Yet Paid—Arbuckle Films to Be Released Gradually.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—The defense of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle in the three manslaughter trials in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappé cost more than \$110,000, not including attorney's fees, it was learned here today.

It is the plan to release all of Arbuckle's films which were completed at the time he met with his difficulties in San Francisco. This will be done gradually. The comedian himself, has not perfected his future plans, but according to those close to him, these lay between returning to the screen as an actor and directing the production of films.

Arbuckle was asked to present a monologue between pictures by two of the biggest motion picture theaters here after his acquittal Wednesday, but declined to do so. He explained his refusal with the statement: "I do not care to capitalize my good fortune so soon after achieving it. There is a sentiment attached to the experience of acquittal that must come before any commercialism. I will return to my profession when I consider it proper to do so."

Snow in Washington. ELLENSBURG, Wash., April 14.—Ellensburg residents awoke this morning to find a blanket of snow on the ground. Reports from the Cascade mountains, west of here, were to the effect that the snowfall was heavy in the foothills and mountains.

SPOKANE, April 14.—April showers frapped continued on the weather menu of Spokane last night and today. From half an inch to an inch of snow fell during the night, but melted as it fell or soon afterward. The forecast promised more of the same.

RAISINS NIPPED BY HARD FROST SACRAMENTO V.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Late reports indicate that a few localities in the Sacramento valley suffered slight damage from recent severe frosts, said a statement issued today by E. E. Kauffman of the federal crop reporting service.

The Cape valley and Esparto district in western Yolo county seems to have been touched lightly. In Placer county damage up to the present time is very small and as a whole conditions are good, with very little damage to the fruit the past week.

The most serious damage in the grape growing section occurred around Reedley, Dinuba and Parlier. The Sun-Maid raisin growers estimate the acreage frosted at only about 5 per cent of the acreage frosted last year. Owing to the backward development of the vines this spring, it is hard to estimate about what the loss in tonnage will amount to, but as a whole it cannot be very heavy unless later frosts occur.

In the Santa Clara valley and the bay counties a light crop of apricots was expected on account of rot. Frost has further decreased the prospects for a "cut" crop and no better than 40 per cent of a normal crop can be expected. Some slight damage to the prune crop in the Santa Clara valley may follow although it is too early to make a percentage estimate, according to the statement.

Weather conditions in the fruit growing sections are not entirely favorable and the frost period is by no means past, but every day now greatly decreases the danger which might result from killing frosts.

BASEBALL SCORES

Table with columns for American and National leagues, listing teams and scores. American: Boston 8, Philadelphia 7, Boston 2. National: Brooklyn 2, New York 10, Batteries: Mammaux, Smith, Shriver and Deberry; Barnes and Snyder.

Alleged Betrayer Of Irish Cause Is Killed in N. York

NEW YORK, April 14.—Venice for his alleged betrayal of the Irish cause was ascribed by police as a possible motive for the shooting of Patrick Connors in a gun battle with six other men in Central Park last night. Connors was wounded five times and is not expected to live.

HARDING AGAIN ASKS CONGRESS TO SAVE NAVY

President in Formal Letter, Opposes Plan to Reduce Naval Force to 67,000—Declares 86,000 Is Limit for U. S. Safety.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—President Harding in a letter read today to the house urged that the naval supply bill provide for a more adequate enlisted force than 67,000, as fixed by the appropriations committee.

The president said he would be greatly disappointed as he knew the country would be if the enlisted personnel was reduced below 86,000, the figure which has been proposed by the "big navy" group.

While the decision must lie with congress, the president said he could only repeat formally what he had said informally that he was persuaded it would not be wise to make so drastic a cut as proposed in the house bill.

The letter addressed to and read by Representative Longworth, republican, Ohio, said that a navy of 67,000 men might be reached ultimately, but "the trend toward peace and security ought to be more firmly established before going beyond the limitations to which we were gladly committed at the international conference."

The president while "not doubting the good faith of the committee majority," said he "must believe in the faith of the navy and navy advisers who declared very emphatically it was impossible to maintain within the proposed appropriation standard set for the navy at the conference and which was proclaimed to the world."

Reference to British enlisted figures was made during the reading of the navy bill by Representative Green, republican, Iowa, who declared naval intelligence officers did not have the facts or else did not give them to the appropriations committee.

CLEVELAND, April 14.—Diamonds valued at \$50,000 were taken from the office safe of Max Kurjan company, jewelers, in a downtown office building this morning by three bandits who entered the store with drawn revolvers, drove David Smith, office manager and a friend into a safe and escaped with the diamonds.

RUSSIA IS AFTER GOLD FROM U.S.A.

President Rakosky of the Ukraine Takes Leadership at Genoa—Can't Leave U. S. Gold Alone—Good Humor and Cleverness Win Correspondents.

GENOA, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Christian Rakosky, president of the Ukraine republic, promises to become one of the soviet delegation's brightest platform stars at the international conference. He thrives on debate and has so much persistence and good humor that none of the other delegates seem able to down him.

And he simply will not leave the United States' gold reserve alone. He made another attempt yesterday to raid the United States treasury through his proposal before the financial commission that the states possessing the greatest quantity of gold make loans to the poorer countries. He made particular reference to the United States.

The Ukrainian president suggested loans to the bankrupt countries on the basis of their population, which naturally would give Russia the lion's share and his proposal has caused much humorous comment in conference circles, especially as coming from a representative of the soviet, which only a short time ago wanted to do away with money entirely.

After Rakosky finished his stormy session with the financial commission yesterday he gave an hour to the newspapermen. Unlike the other delegates he raises no national barriers—French, German, Russian, Japanese, Italian, British, American correspondents—all were welcome. The discussion was in French and anyone having a press card could attend.

M. Rakosky announced to the correspondents that the soviet delegation was as yet unable to comprehend the proposals to Russia prepared by the allied technical experts and consequently had not decided what to do about them, but he would be glad to answer any questions about Russia.

Presidents of the republics are not so open handed any day of the year, and the Italian news writers were especially delighted at the opportunity he offered.

Meeting Breaks Up. How about courts? Why did other European nations feel their nationalisms were unsafe in Russia? Had the Cheka actually been discontinued? These and a score of other questions were parried by Rakosky, who declared the Cheka had been relegated to the background, that trials were now held in courts better than any others in the world, and that there was not the slightest reason for Europe's distrust of the soviet government.

Socialist correspondents of the left, right and center struggled for the floor and emphasized with wild gesticulation their queries about the land question and property rights generally.

The American and British correspondents, who had gone merely for the sake of getting the day's news had no chance whatever but laughingly watched the hand waving questioners. The uproar finally became so loud that no individual question could be distinguished and the meeting was adjourned.

Italy Defends Russia. GENOA, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Divergencies of opinion over Russia are reported to have developed at the meeting this morning of the economic conference's "big four" for discussion of Russian problems.

The participants were Prime Minister Lloyd George of England, Vice Premier Barthou of France, Foreign Minister Schanzer of Italy and Foreign Minister Jasper of Belgium. The Italian delegation afterward confirmed the report that the document drawn up by the allied experts in London dealing with the question of Russia, which has been the center of much discussion had not been endorsed by the various allied governments. The Italian expert had disapproved of the clauses of the report which it put into effect would humiliate Russia, it was declared.