

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 73.3
Minimum today 34.7

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 70
Minimum 50
Precipitation .01

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OIL TANKS EXPLODE, 12 BADLY HURT

Suburb of Los Angeles Is Thrown Into Confusion and Terror When Service Station Tanks Explode—Oil Truck Also Blows Up—Scores Are Injured.

DOWNEY, Cal., April 21.—Twelve people were seriously hurt and scores were slightly injured here today when two explosions followed in rapid succession, shattering buildings and windows, throwing debris in many directions and severely damaging adjacent structures. The first explosion was that of the underground tanks of an oil station at Fourth and Crawford streets, owned by Newbury and Speaker. The second explosion was that of an oil truck driven by Frank Murch of Anaheim, which truck happened to be near the station at the instant of the first blast. Because of the smallness of Downey, which is one of the trading towns of Los Angeles county and lies about 15 miles south-east of the city, the police and fire departments were unable to cope with the situation and there were not hospital facilities for the injured. Hurry calls for aid were sent to the sheriff's office and automobiles loaded with deputies were hurried out, followed by ambulances to bring in the injured.

The telephone lines were immediately overloaded with the result that for an hour or more it was difficult to get at the actual conditions, until those who had hurried to the scene had reported it.

The list of injured among the more seriously hurt follows: Haygood ardis, Frank Murch of Anaheim; F. J. Stratton, Fred Robinson, James Stamps, Edward Truitt, Walter Pulley, Ed Vandergrift and Lester Witherpoon.

C. E. Stanley, in charge of the local hospital said an hour after the explosion that 15 persons had been treated at his institution, of whom 12 were seriously hurt, but that in his opinion none of them would die.

He said that there appeared to be a great many cases of slight injuries, persons having been thrown to the ground by the shock of the explosion, struck by flying fragments and in some instances, according to reports even hurled bodily through the air for considerable distances. The recipients of cuts, bruises and burns, he said, were nearly all able to care for themselves after having received first aid.

J. F. BROWN GETS C. LAKE CONTRACT

J. F. Brown of Eagle Point was given the contract by the Federal Road bureau at Portland yesterday for grading and macadam on the Crater Lake highway from Prospect 6.4 miles toward Medford, for \$75,500. This contract will be sublet to Wm. Von der Hellen, who will do the work.

Hill Brothers of Portland, were granted the contract from Trail to McCleod bridge, 7.2 miles, for grading and macadam for \$99,000.

Oat Kernel Is Fatal

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 21.—An oat kernel which became lodged in the right ear of Peter Everson two weeks ago and sprouted, brought on meningitis from which Everson died in a hospital here last night.

SEC'Y AGRICULTURE TO SPEAK TO ENTIRE COUNTRY TONIGHT VIA RADIOPHONE

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture will attempt tonight on Arbor day eve, what is described as "the most widespread radio distribution of a single message" ever to be made. The message will be transmitted at nine o'clock eastern standard time from the government station at Arlington, Va., San Diego and San Francisco, Cal., and the Great Lakes station and all army and post-office department stations and also by the Radio Relay league and Radio broadcasting stations.

Final Settlement Klamath Court H. In Sight at Last

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 21.—Final settlement of the long standing court house controversy here was fore-shadowed today by a declaration in the circuit court that Klamath county had forfeited its interest in the Hot Springs court house site. The declaration was filed by the Klamath Development company which says it will not further recognize the county's interest in the site nor permit the completion of the Hot Springs court house. The company advocated completion of the Hot Springs building as a school, making it an educational center. Construction of this building was halted when a dispute arose over it. Another building is being used as a court house.

POLAND CLAIMS SOVIET ISSUES A CALL TO ARMS

Reds Concentrating in Great Numbers On Poland and Rumanian Borders, Declare Riga Newspaper—Activities On Increase.

RIGA, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Riga Courier today publishes a dispatch from its own correspondent to the effect that a bolshevik proclamation posted in Pskov, Russia, calls for army service all males from 18 to 40 years of age. The dispatch adds that the reds are concentrating great forces opposite Poland and Rumania; that during one day 17 loaded troop trains, all the men having fighting equipment, passed the railroad junction of Pskov, bound westward.

The Courier is a Russian language newspaper controlled by Polish interests. Observers here say they have heard nothing of renewed activity on the western front.

Increased Russian monarchist activity in states bordering on Russia has led to numerous arrests recently, according to reports from Rumania, Poland and Esthonia.

Suspicious in Genoa
GENOA, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Genoa conference has reached a stage where several of the delegations appear highly distrustful of each other and the delegates are concentrated in the heart of the city where they can watch one another closely.

Prominent members of the small delegations which were scattered along the Mediterranean coast from here to Rapallo packed their bags over night, abandoned their luxurious villas and settled in any small room they could find along Genoa's single main street leading to the conference halls.

Here it is possible to see every one passing toward the English and French headquarters as well as to the conference sessions in the royal palace and to the audiences to newspapermen in the Casa Della Stampa or university.

Liberty Bonds.
NEW YORK, April 21.—Liberty bonds closed:

3 1/2's 99.36; first 4's 99.70 bid; second 4's 99.48; first 4 1/2's 99.82; second 4 1/2's 99.50; third 4 1/2's 99.68; fourth 4 1/2's 99.86; Victory 2 3/4's 100.68; Victory 4 3/4's 100.74

RUSS' REPLY IS ACCEPTED BY ALLIES

Threatened Breach Prevented and Discussions Begin—Soviet Offers to Recognize War Debts and Restore Nationalized Property if Allies Recognize Government.

GENOA, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany and Russia, asserted the Cattidino today, have agreed with the Turkish nationalist government at Angora on a common program of foreign policy. This, it is agreed, will constitute a grave menace to the other powers, especially the Balkan states.

GENOA, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans and the Russians today submitted their replies to the allies' demands. The German reply accepts the allied proposal that the allies and the Russians, but the reply does not modify the effectiveness of the Russo-German treaty.

The Russian reply accepts the allied proposal for the payment of Russia's debts due to foreigners and the restoration of foreign property nationalized by Russia in case the soviet regime is granted full recognition by the allied governments and is given adequate financial assistance.

The effect of the two replies is to continue the German and Russian participation in the work here and thus to bridge over the crisis which recently threatened to disrupt the conference.

GENOA, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—If the Russians are granted recognition de jure and adequate financial help, they state in their reply submitted to the entente today, they are willing to admit Russia's pre-war debts, waive their counter claims and restore the use of nationalized property to former owners or satisfy the claims of foreigners in cases where the property cannot be restored.

The clause of the Russian reply relating to the restoration of nationalized property to foreigners says: "The Russian government will be willing to restore to its former owners the use of property nationalized or withheld or where this is impossible then to satisfy the just claims of the former owners."

As justifying their contention that the allies could not as a matter of right, demand compensation for property, the Russians cite the abolition of slavery in the United States where neither American nor foreigners were compensated. They also cite the adoption of prohibition in America as a case where no compensation was given to the producers of alcoholic drinks.

The sub-committee of 10 members on Russian affairs, Germany being eliminated, met the German delegates this afternoon and informed them that their reply was satisfactory as a basis for discussion.

GENOA, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—An English spokesman for the British delegation to the economic conference said today there was no objection to Richard Washburn Child, American ambassador to Italy, being present at the sessions of the commission on Russian affairs in order to obtain information for the United States government.

Oppose Meeting King
King Victor Emmanuel of Italy will arrive in Genoa tomorrow to visit the conference. He will receive the authorities at the prefect's palace and give a luncheon aboard the dreadnaught Dante, to which all the delegations have been invited.

It is not known whether the Russian delegates have accepted the invitation to the luncheon which has created a delicate position for them. Italian communists are urging them to abstain from meeting the king, maintaining this would produce a bad impression among the Italian communist masses which conceive communism as anti-monarchial.

BELLEVEUE, Ill., April 21.—Rev. E. V. McClure of the First Presbyterian church here may play billiards as often as he wishes, members of the congregation decided after a hearing in which a minority of the congregation sought his removal, questioning the propriety of a minister as a billiard player.

Wife and Children of Counselor to Berlin



Mrs. Warren Dehno Robbins, one of Washington's best known women in diplomatic circles, photographed with her three children in their home. Mr. Robbins, now chief of the Division of Near Eastern affairs in the state department, has been assigned as counselor to Berlin.

FIND BODY OF MURDERED MAN ALBANY RIVER

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—The body of Frank Bowker, Portland musician, was found today in the Calapooia river near Albany, according to a report to the police here.

The river had been dragged since Tuesday when Russell Hecker, former Albany youth, told the police he threw the body into the stream from a bridge.

Hecker, who is held on a charge of first degree murder, is accused of having killed Bowker Sunday night while on a trip from Portland. Officers last yesterday found a spot in Clackamas county, 13 miles from Portland, where they thought the killing may have occurred. A pool of blood was seen there Monday, according to a resident of Gladstone, and yesterday officers took gravel from the spot to make a chemical examination.

The body was found in the river about a mile below the bridge from which Hecker bowker he threw the body. Albert Bowker, brother of the slain man, yesterday offered \$200 reward for recovery of the body after police had abandoned the search.

The body was found by John Feustean of Albany, who was dragging the river from a launch. It was inside a sack and was lying on the bottom of the river within two feet of the east bank. Word was sent at once to sheriff Kendall and Coroner Fisher of Linn county. The body was taken to Albany where it was held in the sack until police arrived from Portland.

Examination showed that a bullet had entered the back of the neck and come out of the right eye.

BASEBALL SCORES

National					
At Boston:	R.	H.	E.		
Philadelphia	4	11	1		
Boston	6	9	0		
Batteries: Meadows, Hubbill and Henline; McQuillan, Fillingen and O'Neill.					
At Brooklyn.			R.	H.	E.
New York	4	10	1		
Brooklyn	1	13	0		
Batteries: J. Barnes and Snyder; Reuther and Miller.					
St. Louis-Pittsburg postponed; snow					
American			R.	H.	E.
At New York	0	4	4		
Washington	0	4	4		
New York	1	5	1		
Batteries: Phillips and Gharritz; Shawkey and Schang.					
Boston-Philadelphia postponed; cold.					
At Detroit.			R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	7	16	2		
Detroit	15	16	2		
Batteries: Mails, Morton, Odenwald, Keefe, Jamison and O'Neill; Stoner and Bassler, Woodall.					
Bend Murder Case Rests.					
BEND, Ore., April 21.—The state rested its case today in the prosecution of A. J. Weston, for alleged second degree murder of R. H. Krug of Sisters. Minor witnesses took the stand this morning.					

CRIME WAVE IN OREGON CLAIMS 2 MORE VICTIMS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Mrs. J. L. Cave was in a serious condition in a hospital with a bullet wound in the head, inflicted late last night at her home by J. R. Chamness, 27, a world war veteran, who shot himself to death after wounding Mrs. Cave and Harry Post, a guest at Mrs. Cave's home.

Mrs. Cave is the mother of Chamness' wife, who recently separated from her husband. Chamness was said to have sent threatening letters to his wife and last night appeared at the Cave home, where she was living, firing at Post when he went to the door, shattering Post's right hand and firing through a window at Mrs. Cave. He then shot himself to death. Chamness was married here shortly after his discharge from the army.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., April 21.—Herbert Deuell was in a serious condition at a hospital here today from blows on the head with a hammer received last night and officers were looking for Henry Bernhardt, whom Deuell accuses of attacking him. Bernhardt had been employed by Deuell for a year and according to Deuell's statement to officers, attacked him last night while Deuell was milking a cow.

SOVIET RUSSIA SIGNS SEPARATE PACT WITH CHITA

MOSCOW, April 20.—(By Associated Press.) A new economic treaty has been concluded by soviet Russia and the Far Eastern republic of Siberia, the Chita government, it was announced today. The treaty gives Russia preferred rights to all concessions in the Far Eastern republic and in general accords Russia a great degree of economic control in Far Eastern territory.

The Far Eastern republic agrees not to oppose any of Russia's claims to property in the republic's territory which was of a character general to all Russia at the time the Siberian republic was constituted.

The two countries also agree to keep each other informed of any agreement made with other countries. The treaty likewise provides for negotiations for a reciprocal tariff policy.

California Secures \$200,000 From U. S. For Crescent C. Road

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—California road and highway projects calling for an appropriation of \$1,465,000 from the federal government have been approved by the secretary of agriculture and work on the projects will begin in "the near future" it was announced today by Paul G. Redington, district forester here.

The approved projects include a strip of ten miles extending south from the Oregon line on the Crescent City-Grants Pass highway, costing \$200,000.

VOTE MILLION FOR SUFFERERS IN FLOOD ZONE

Congress Rushes Thru Bill Approved By Dawes Giving Immediate Assistance to Victims of Floods in South Middlewest.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The sum of one million dollars for control of flood waters of the Mississippi river, now at the highest stages in years was made available immediately by a resolution rushed through the senate and house today within an hour after the proposal made by southern members had been approved by Secretary Weeks and Director Dawes of the budget.

The money is part of nearly \$7,000,000 which the pending army appropriation bill carries to be used by the Mississippi river commission for flood control.

The measure was adopted promptly in the house and there was just a minute of debate on it in the senate.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Appeals for rations for families rendered destitute by the flood were received today by the treasury from Naples and Mercedes, Ill. The matter is being taken up with the war department, officials said, as it is asserted the quartermaster's corps would have charge of any government distribution of rations in the flood areas.

The Daily Bank Robbery

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., April 21.—Robbers who attempted to enter the La Center State bank, 17 miles north-east of here early this morning were defeated by a burglar alarm connecting the rear door of the bank with the home of S. M. Meyers. An exchange of shots followed when Meyers with several other men hastened to the scene.

None of the pursuers was injured. Bullet holes were found in the rear of the automobile in which the robbers escaped. The machine which had been stolen from a garage at Woodland, was abandoned at Ridgefield.

\$10,000 HERITAGE FROM DEAD YANKEE DOUGHBOY SAVES RUSSIAN KIDDIES

NEW YORK, April 21.—Four Russian children, who won by a narrow margin a battle against the famine that gripped their Volga valley village, will be brought to the United States to enjoy a \$10,000 heritage left through the death of their uncle, a Yankee doughboy on the western front in France. James P. Goodrich, former governor of Indiana, just returned from Russia, is arranging for their transportation to America. It was he who brought the starving quartet into his inheritance.

SEIZURE OF MEXICO BY U. S. URGED

Senator King, Democrat of Utah, Startles Senate By Drastic Demand—Murder of Mormon Settlers Cause for Action—Declares Bolshevism Rampant.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Blockade of Mexico and seizure of Mexican ports until American claims for damages to life and property in Mexico have been compensated, was advocated in the senate today by Senator King, democrat, Utah, in a lengthy address on the Mexican situation.

Neither the Oregon, nor any other Mexican government should be recognized, Senator King declared, until guarantees are given for payment of damages done; nearly 1000 American women, men and children butchered and property losses which he estimated at nearly \$50,000,000.

Senator King said he was inspired to make his address because of the murder and eviction from Mexico of Mormon settlers who, he said, had failed to get protection from their own government.

President Harding should set up an international tribunal to fix the amount of rightful damages, the speaker declared, and if Mexico should then refuse to accede payment, the United States should proceed to blockade Mexico and seize her ports and custom revenues until satisfaction had been secured.

"Today there is chaos, bolshevism and disregard of human rights, especially of aliens in Mexico," he said.

He requested that Mexico should be required to annul all confiscatory decrees.

MEXICO CITY, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Acting under the direct orders of President Obregon, General Guadalupe Sanchez, chief of operations in the state of Vera Cruz, has left for the Huasteco region to give battle to Francisco Gorozave, who began an uprising several days ago. Gorozave, a Spaniard, who for many years was identified with General Manuel Polanco, now military governor of Tamaulipas, is expected to have more than 300 men in his command.

BUSIEST CORNER IN WORLD IS ROBBED

CHICAGO, April 21.—Residents of Chicago call the intersection of State and Madison streets the "busiest corner in the world," but no one saw the robbers who broke a jewelry store window on that corner early this morning with a padded brick and escaped with watches and rings valued at \$2,000.

PORTLAND FIREMAN DROWNED AT SEA

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Robert R. Aldrich, fireman of Portland, Ore., attached to the destroyer Belknap, and Edward L. O'Neil of Newark, N. J., seaman aboard the battleship Wyoming, were accidentally drowned April 20, while the Atlantic fleet was at Guantanamo, according to advices received today by the navy department. O'Neil was drowned during swimming drill, the message said.

Six weeks ago, Mr. Goodrich again visited the little Russian home and found that the woman had died of starvation. The four children were helped kept alive by neighbors. He returned to the United States, secured the \$10,000 insurance in the Russian woman's name and placed it in a trust, arranging for the transfer of monthly payments to the surviving brothers and sisters.