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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1922

NO. 29

## KU KLUX KLAN CONDUCTED L. A. RAID

### SECRETS OF K. K. K. ARE GIVEN OUT

Members of Secret Order Admit On Stand That Night Riders Outrage Planned at Ku Klux Meeting—Grand Goblin Attempts to Interfere With Testimony.

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—The night riders' raid resulting in the killing of Constable M. B. Mosher late Saturday night was arranged in a meeting Friday night in which Blake E. Shambau, traffic officer of Inglewood, was initiated into the Ku Klux Klan, Shambau testified at the inquest here today into the death of Constable Mosher.

The meeting, secretly arranging the raid was held in the undertaker parlors in which the inquest is being conducted, Shambau testified. An altercation in the inquest developed between William C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney, and William S. Coburn, supreme attorney and grand goblin of the Pacific domain of the Ku Klux Klan, when the latter attempted to interfere with the investigator's questions.

After a spirited interchange, the deputy ordered the Klan officer to sit down, amid cheers from the throng attending the inquest.

Shambau who is a deputy marshal and deputy sheriff, testified that two undertakers and a doctor were among those who attended the meeting last Friday. He named a number of persons present.

Another sensational development of the inquest was the testimony of Donald Parker, newspaper photographer, who received the exclusive "tip" of the raid, that he had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan and resigned yesterday. He said the information of the raid was tipped to him, he being advised they were going to make a raid upon a moonshine still which was operating with protection of the law.

Shambau's testimony was drawn out bit by bit by Deputy Doran. He admitted the meeting in which the raid was planned was an official meeting of the Ku Klux Klan and officiated at by Klan members. He completely broke down under the grilling of Doran.

About 30 people attended the meeting, Shambau testified.

Goblin is Sat Upon  
The tense moment of the inquest occurred at the beginning of Shambau's testimony when he admitted he was at a meeting Friday night of about 30 people.

"What was the name of the organization?" Doran demanded.

Grand Goblin Coburn of the Klan half rose from his chair and apparently planned to start toward the witness. Doran saw him from the corner of his eye, and whirling around, snapped out: "Now, you get back in that chair and sit there," pointing his finger at Coburn.

Coburn dropped back into the chair and the crowd applauded with hand-clapping.

A moment later Doran was demanding names of those present at the meeting when a stranger arose in the audience and said he thought the witness' "constitutional rights were being violated."

Doran arose, glaring at the stranger, and shouted: "You sit down and shut up!"

"I merely spoke in the interests of justice," the stranger rejoined. "I'm here in the interests of justice, as opposed to mob and cowardice, and I propose to run this meeting," was Doran's reply.

Crowd Cheers  
Again the crowd in the inquest room was filled with cheers for the deputy district attorney.

Shambau reluctant and hesitant at first, became extremely voluble. He supplied the names of a number of prominent residents of Inglewood as having attended the meeting. After his testimony he was taken to the office of District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine, who planned to obtain a complete statement from him, including the names of as many persons as possible who were involved in the raid.

The meeting of the Ku Klux Klan (Continued on page eight)

### Soviet Fires Another Monkey Wrench Into Conference at Genoa

GENOA, April 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Russia further complicated the Genoa tug of war tonight by sending Poland a note announcing that Russia considers that Poland has violated both its peace treaty with Russia, signed at Riga, March 18, 1921, and its Baltic entente agreement, signed at Riga March 30, 1922, by participating in negotiations at Genoa questioning Russia's right to negotiate treaties.

### ARREST ALL THOSE OVER 12 YRS. OLD

Kentucky Judge Issues Order to Clear Out Feudists in Outlaw Territory—Posses Comb Hills for Mountaineers—Attack On Officers Cause.

MANCHESTER, Ky., April 25.—Feudists of Clay county, who a few months ago were ready to shoot opposing clansmen on sight, have joined hands with each other and with the civil authorities to clean up mill creek, following the action of Circuit Judge Hiram J. Johnson yesterday in issuing warrants for the arrest of 200 mountaineers. All persons in the Mill creek territory over twelve years of age will be arrested by the posse in Judge Johnson's drive to stop lawlessness in the Kentucky mountains.

Posses are combing the hills and bringing in prisoners. Returning officers say many of those for whom warrants have been issued have surrendered. Others are reported leaving the county and some have intimated that they will not come, according to officers. Judge Johnson's instructions were to "bring the men in" and he announced he was going to clean up Mill Creek if it required the assistance of 1000 soldiers.

The trouble about Mill creek began Thursday when a witness in a land suit was shot to death from ambush. Deputy sheriffs later that day went into the neighborhood to serve warrants for persons wanted in connection with the shooting. They were attacked by 16 men from ambush and after one deputy was shot from his horse and three horses wounded, the riders escaped by hiding until darkness fell.

A conspiracy among the Mill creek residents to thwart the law has existed for several months, it was declared.

### BASEBALL SCORES

American League.			
ST. LOUIS, April 25.—Kenneth Williams, outfielder of the local Americans, clugged his sixth home run in four days at his first time at bat in today's game with Detroit and surpassed Babe Ruth's record of this time last year.			
Slater was on base when Williams knocked the circuit drive on Pitches Elmke.			
At Washington: R. H. E.			
Boston.....	0	4	4
Washington.....	10	10	0
Russell, Collins, Ferguson and Ruel, Phillips and Gharrity.			
At New York: R. H. E.			
Philadelphia.....	0	4	1
New York.....	9	17	0
Naylor, Harrison and Perkins; Shawkey and Schang.			
At Cleveland: Chicago-Cleveland postponed; rain.			
National League.			
At Boston: R. H. E.			
Boston.....	5	11	2
Boston.....	2	9	1
At Philadelphia: R. H. E.			
New York.....	9	17	0
Philadelphia.....	3	7	2
Shen, Jonnard and Snyder; G. Smith, Meadows and Henline.			
Cincinnati-Cincinnati-St. Louis postponed; rain.			
At Chicago: Pittsburg-Chicago postponed; rain.			

### Unusual Scenes Mark Opening of Baseball Season



Upper photo shows president shaking hands with Babe Ruth at the opening game at Washington. At the left "Babe" is watching his team go down to defeat. Right, "Irish Meusel" of the Giants shakes hands with his brother and wife through the screen in the Press box of the Polo Grounds. Bob is in New York recovering from the effects of an operation. Inset, John McGraw and Wilbert Robinson, managers of the Giants and Brooklyn, snapped just before the Giants lost to the Brooklyn.

### PRESIDENT HAS PLAN TO STOP COAL STRIKE

Permanent Solution of Basic Problems of Industry Said to Be Administration's Idea of Returning Industry to Peace and Development.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The government is working on a plan looking to ending of the coal strike which it will submit soon to both operators and union leaders. It was said today at the White House. Details of the plans were not disclosed but it was said that it does not include federal supervision of the coal industry.

The plan, which is receiving the attention of President Harding and his advisors was said to contemplate a permanent solution if possible of the basic problems of the industry. Presentation of the plan, it was indicated, would be made when a favorable opportunity presents itself.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Anthracite miners' officials, returning to New York to resume conferences with operators in an effort to end the strike, declared they would add another demand for more speed in the negotiations of the sub-committee on wage contracts.

The 190,000 men in the anthracite region are becoming impatient on account of the delay in the settlement of the strike. Among the coal operators, a similar dissatisfaction with the progress of negotiations was expressed. Local officials of the local companies are agreed they said, that their unpreparedness to tell the miners that wage reductions will be demanded has practically deadlocked the sub-committee. Delays in submitting operators' program were reported by some officials today to be caused by their failure to agree upon what reduction shall be demanded. So-called radical operators would cut wages to about a pre-war basis. It was said, while others would revert to the 1917 scale.

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### GOVERNMENT IS FOR MOTOR BUS HIGHWAY'S TAX

Commission Makes Report On Highway Problems—Motor Vehicles Should Bear Burden of Maintenance—Electric Lines Favored.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Large expenditures will be necessary to bring the two and a half million miles of rural highways in the United States up to the standard of efficiency comparable to their extended use in motor transportation, in the opinion of the joint congressional commission of agricultural inquiry, whose general conclusions on the subject were announced today by Chairman Anderson.

In the second report of the commission's studies the first having dealt with agricultural freight rates, the chairman also made known its conclusions regarding electric railway development and questions relating to the postal service.

The commission, Chairman Anderson said, will recommend that congress continue to promote an adequate program of highway construction and maintenance directed to the more effective correlation of highway transportation with railroad water transportation and that the states and counties also continue their highway programs with particular reference to farm and market roads.

The necessity of co-operation among the states to effect a uniform basis for taxing motor trucks and other motor vehicles, to fairly represent the proportion of highway expenses chargeable to such vehicles, will be used by the commission, it was said, as well as the need for uniform regulation of motor traffic.

"It is already clear," the chairman said, "that there is a wide variation in principle and action of the various state regulations affecting intra-state traffic."

Electric Lines Favored  
The commission was said to view with optimism the future of interurban.

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### 11 DROWNED BY FLOODS IN FORT WORTH

Most Terrific Storm in Texas History Visits Northern Part of State—Dallas Is Also Flooded—Property Damage Reaches High Figure.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 25.—Eleven persons were drowned, at least 1500 made homeless, the city water plant put out of commission, other public utilities endangered, property damage of \$600,000 inflicted, all interurban traffic was suspended and street car service crippled as a result of a storm, the most terrific that ever visited Fort Worth and vicinity last night and this morning.

DALLAS, Tex., April 25.—Streets in the business and residential sections today were overflowing and in some sections were impassable as a result of high water and floating debris following heavy rains last night. Indications are that rainfall records for a 24-hour period will be broken. Reports from other sections of north Texas are to the effect that the rain is general and a renewal of the flood conditions of the early part of the month is expected.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 25.—The Trinity river stood at 33.5 feet this morning, next to the highest ever recorded here. Seven inches of rain fell last night, also a record. The levees around the city are holding everywhere and no immediate danger is felt. Many homes are flooded and entire sections of the city are cut off. The municipal water supply is down and electric lights are out. No loss of life has been reported in the river bottoms, but a complete check has not yet been made by police.

It is estimated that 300 people have been driven from their homes. Reports to Red Cross headquarters which have already instituted a relief movement, say there are probably many on isolated high places. Two women who had taken refuge

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### Abolition of State Senate, Appointment Governor Initiated

SALEM, Ore., April 25.—Abolition of the present legislative system and the substitution of a legislative assembly of 60 members to be elected upon a basis of occupation rather than of population is proposed in an initiative petition filed with Secretary of State Keizer this morning. The measure is sponsored by the People's Power League of Oregon.

The proposed amendment would eliminate party lines and the state senate would be wiped out. Registration of voters would be according to occupation, each occupation to be represented in the legislature, according to its strength. Election of a governor would be vested in the legislative assembly, 31 of whose members could name an executive or remove him at will.

### LADY ASTOR TELLS PRESS OF IDEALS

First Woman to Sit, House of Commons Tells Associated Press What Induced Her to Enter Politics—World in Need Unselfishness, Vision, Courage and Cleanliness.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Lady Astor, in the speech which she prepared today for the annual luncheon of the Associated Press at the Waldorf Astoria defined as the pearl of great price which she was striving to place in public life by entering politics "what any man gets from his mother and what most men get from their wives if they choose wisely—unselfishness, vision, courage and cleanliness."

But, said the first woman seated in the British house of commons, to turn to practical politics, what the world now needed most in a practical way is work, and trade was the most practical way to start work.

"Establish confidence," she urged. "First, confidence between capital and labor, then confidence in your government, then confidence in other nations."

There, she continued, was where the press came in. "It is for the press to unite countries for trade and prosperity and peace. I know many of the American foreign correspondents."

"They are most able men, a credit to the American press. They are trustworthy, that is the opinion formed by the people who know in England. 'Help Us' is Plea

"If the press wants to unite countries, it can. If it wants to disunite them it can. America wants peace. America started the League of Nations. All Europe looks to America, not for large armies, not even for food, but for a great moral lead. Help us!"

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### MARCH ON BERLIN IS PARIS CRY

French Monarchists Post Walls of City With Call to Arms—Premier Poincare, However, Reported to Oppose Military Action—Fear Conference Near Rock.

PARIS, April 25.—(By Associated Press.) Premier Poincare has not adopted any plan for the military occupation of Germany in case of default on May 31, it is asserted in official circles today. The speech yesterday in which he declared France would, if necessary, undertake to see that the treaty of Versailles was executed in case of a default, is said to have been intended to make the government's policy clear and put an end to the criticisms that France was persisting in an obscure attitude.

The sentiments expressed by Premier Poincare in his declaration of yesterday at Bar Le Duc were echoed throughout France by leading public men at the sessions of the general councils of the departments. The monarchists are worked up to the highest pitch, and have placarded the deadwalls of Paris with posters, demanding a march on Berlin. Officials close to the premier, however, deprecate the attitude that he will take any drastic precipitate action. Therefore they forecast an earnest effort to find some means of putting some pressure upon Germany without employing the army.

France Stands Firm  
LONDON, April 25.—(By Associated Press.) There is reliable information, declares a Central News dispatch from Genoa, that M. Barthou of the French delegation received telegraphic instructions today to insist at the conference upon the terms contained in Premier Poincare's speech of Monday. The French delegation, says the message, has declared it will press for a 48 hour ultimatum to Russia or else break from the conference altogether. Premier Poincare's speech created great consternation in conference circles, it is added.

GENOA, April 25.—(By Associated Press.) Foreign Minister Chicheria of soviet Russia declared to the Associated Press today that allied resistance to the Russian principle of nationalization was blocking the economic conference. "It is obvious," he said, "that the only serious obstacles to peace with Russia, and general reconstruction are the pretensions of a few former owners of property in Russia."

GENOA, April 25.—(By Associated Press.) The Genoa conference is drifting toward the rocks again. Whether it can be kept from wreckage depends on the possibility of adjusting the new demands of the Russian soviet delegates with the position of the allied governments, who declare they will stand steadfastly by the resolutions adopted at Cannes on which the league is founded.

The French demand maintenance of the war reparations figures, disarmament of all disarmament discussion and no changing of the existing treaties at Genoa. In addition, France insists on rigid adherence to the Cannes resolutions which call for the payment of Russia's pre-war debts and the restitution by the soviet of foreigners' property in Russia.

The conference of experts on the Russian question broke up yesterday and adjourned sine die because the experts representing the powers found the Russians' new set of proposals absolutely in contradiction to the soviet note accepting the allies' terms as a basis for future deliberations. Yesterday the bolshevik announced their declination to restore private property because everything was nationalized in Russia but in their note of acceptance they voiced willingness to restore much property or indemnify the owners, provided the country's war debts to the allies were cut down and financial help for Russia forthcoming.

Ask War Debts Annulled  
Instead of accepting the allies' demands for the payment of war debts,

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