

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 68.7
Minimum today 36

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 61
Minimum 42

Daily—Seventeenth Year,
Weekly—Fifty-second Year.

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REAL WAR IS NOW RAGING BEFORE PEKIN

Generals Tso-Lin and Wu Pei Engaged On Battle Front of 100 Miles — Americans View Battle From Walls of Ancient City—Foreign Legations to Protect Nationals

PEKING, April 29.—(By Associated Press.) Fighting south of the Peking Tien Tsin railway still was in progress at noon today. The forces of General Chang Tso-Lin, military governor of Manchuria, and General Wu Pei, military leader of central China, were reported engaged along a line extending from Machang, 20 miles south of Tien Tsin, to a point south of Peking.

A dispatch from Tien Tsin, says there has been heavy artillery firing near Machang for the last twenty hours.

The foreign legations here have advised the nationals of their respective countries who are outside Peking to hasten to the capital as a measure of self-protection.

The fighting which began at dawn this morning at Chang Sientien, twelve miles southwest of this city, was continuing at three o'clock this afternoon. There was artillery firing in the vicinity of the Marco Polo bridge which spans the river Yung Tsinho near the west gate of Lu-Kou-Chiao.

The latter place is a little more than four miles from Chang Sientien.

The firing opened along a front extending from Chang Sientien, 12 miles southwest of Peking, to a point thirty miles due south. Both armies are entrenched along the Peking-Hankow railway with Wu Pei Fu's base at Pao Ting Fu. The artillery firing was heard distinctly in Peking and crowds of people, including many foreigners, mounted the city walls from which the smoke of the battlefield was visible.

Americans View Battle

During the night sounds of intermittent firing came from the front, but with the dawn a brisk cannonade began. Some Americans ventured out to the race track west of Peking, where they saw Chang Tso-Lin's troops directing artillery fire from the hills. Both Chang Tso-Lin and Wu Pei Fu have apparently warned their forces to avoid approaching the city on account of warning of the legations that they would not tolerate disorder in Peking. The government is prepared to close the city gates at any moment, but this has so far not been deemed necessary.

The members of the government headed by Hsu-Shih-Chang are as one in lamenting the hostilities. The president declares he will remain neutral and acting Premier Chen Tzu Chi says that efforts to prevent civil war are being continued.

Foreign observers report Wu Pei Fu is attempting to turn the right flank of Chang Tso-Lin's troops by wedging in between the latter's front and Peking. Feng Yuh-Siang, known as the Christian general, is in command of Wu Pei Fu's operations near Peking.

A Peking dispatch to the Associated Press, received last night but under today's date owing to the time difference of 13 hours said fighting had begun at dawn at Changsientien, 12 miles southwest of Peking, and that heavy artillery firing was audible in the capital.

The Chang Tso-Lin railway connects Peking with Taku, her seaport, and the allied diplomats recently served notice on the Chinese northern government that this line of communication must be kept open as a means of safe egress for the foreigners in Peking should the capital be menaced by the forces of Wu Pei Fu.

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Dick Croker, Famous Tammany Boss, Dead



Richard Croker

NEW YORK, April 29.—Richard Croker, former Tammany chieftain in New York, died at his home in Ireland today, according to a cablegram received by Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany hall, from Mrs. Croker.

NOW FIGHTING OVER WHISKEY NORTH IRELAND

Irregular Troops Seize Bonded Stocks and Free State Officers Threaten to Attack if Not Returned by 5 P. M.—Dublin Citizens Slain.

DUBLIN, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The peace conference called by Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin held another meeting here today, but after a three hour session, it dissolves without any agreement having been reached.

BELFAST—April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Irregular republican troops today seized the bonded stores in Kilkenny and removed the whole stock of whiskey to the Kilkenny jail, free state officers went to the jail and issued an ultimatum to the commander that unless the property was returned by 5 o'clock this afternoon free state troops would move to the prison and take it by force.

DUBLIN, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The slaying of several prominent citizens of Cork yesterday has caused a sensation here equal to that caused when several members of the family of Owen MacMahon were killed in Belfast last month. The full story of the outrages still is lacking, especially the one in which either Rev. Richard Harbord of the Murragh rectory or his son was the victim. Several reports agree that the son was the one killed.

It is widely believed here that the murders were intended in reprisal for the MacMahon killings, or rather for the impunity with which their authors remain at large as many southerners have voiced the conviction that the MacMahons were killed by members of the special police.

The provisional government is credited with the declaration that those guilty of the Cork outrages will be brought to justice regardless of the time and effort this may take. The public here fears more terrible counter reprisals in Belfast, which in their turn would have a sequel elsewhere.

K. K. WARNS WIFE, CALL OFF HUBBY

District Attorney's Wife Is Told to Tell Husband to 'Lay Off K. K. K. Stuff'—Grand Jury Drawn to Report for Investigation Secret Order May 24.

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—A warning to the wife of District Attorney Nelson of Orange county that her husband had better desist from investigating the Ku Klux Klan was reported by the district attorney in his visit here today. He said that a stranger visited his home yesterday and told Mrs. Nelson that "if she had any influence with her husband 'she had better tell him to lay off the K. K. K. stuff.'"

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—A grand jury panel of 20 names was drawn in the superior court here today. The prospective jurors were ordered to report Thursday, May 24. Decision to draw a grand jury to investigate the Ku Klux Klan was made yesterday by two of the local judges of the superior court.

Two women were included in the list of possible grand jurors.

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—Deputy District Attorney Raymond I. Turney announced today that a check of the list of names found in the recent search of the office of W. S. Coburn, grand goblin, had yielded a list of organized klans at fourteen California towns and cities.

These were Los Angeles, Taft, Bakersfield, Fresno, Imperial City, Calexico, Colinga, Glendale, San Jose, Covina, Dedondo, Huntington Park, Azusa, Venice and Orange county, the last appearing to include members from several cities in one general organization.

These various lists gave complete rosters of the officers and membership. There also were lists that were believed to be complete of all officers and many members of the Ku Klux Klan in the state of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona and a list of members in California in sections other than those where there appeared to be organized klans.

FRESNO, Cal., April 29.—According to information received by the Republican members of the Ku Klux Klan met at their headquarters here last night, where nearly a hundred candidates were taken into the ranks of the organization.

ASK PUBLIC AID AT POSTOFFICE

Next week, May 1st to May 7th, is National Postal Improvement Week, promoted by the postoffice department to bring the people closer to the service, giving them a better understanding of it and the realization of the need of public cooperation.

To this end Postmaster Warner of Medford and the other postmasters of the United States call the attention of their respective patrons to the necessity of writing correct addresses, and to each envelope or package the return address, and above all early mailing to relieve the congestion at the postoffice the last 30 minutes or so prior to mails closing.

For instance, more mail is received at the local postoffice, Mr. Warner says, between 4 and 5 p. m. daily than during any other four hours period of the day. The majority of this mail could just as well be delivered at the postoffice earlier in the afternoon and much of it even in the forenoon.

FRUIT FEDERATION FORMED IN EAST

CHICAGO, April 29.—The Federated Fruit Growers, an organization to market co-operatively the country's fruit crop, was formed here yesterday. Formation of the national sales agency is the result of work of the producers national fruit marketing committee, appointed by the American Bureau Federation, to develop an improved marketing system for the fruit growers.

How Sorrowful They All Look



Despite the fact that the bambino is surrounded by a bevy of beauties it is easy to see how he and his fair companions feel about his enforced exile. Photo shows left to right, Mrs. George H. Ruth; Mrs. Harry Auherson; Babe Ruth himself.

SENATE ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF OIL LEASES

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Investigation of the lease of naval oil reserves in California and Wyoming by the interior and navy departments was ordered by the senate.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Sinclair Oil interests have a lease for 20 years on 3,221 acres in the Wyoming naval oil reserve under royalties ranging from 12 1/2 to 25 per cent on production, according to a copy of the lease transmitted to the senate today by the interior department.

The photographic copy of the lease signed April 7 by Secretary Fall of the interior department, and Secretary Denby of the navy on behalf of the government and Harry L. Sinclair for the Mammoth Oil company, leases, was transmitted shortly before noon today to the senate.

BASEBALL SCORES

National			
At Pittsburgh	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	12	2
Pittsburgh	7	11	1
Batteries: Rixey, Markle, Gillespie and Hargrave; Cooper and Goch.			
At Brooklyn			
R.	H.	E.	
Philadelphia	2	10	3
Brooklyn	3	7	0
Batteries: Meadows, Smith and Henline; Reuther and Hungling.			
At Boston			
R.	H.	E.	
New York	15	20	0
Boston	4	6	1
Batteries: Douglas and Snyder; Fillingim, Maruard and Gowdy.			
American			
R.	H.	E.	
Chicago	4	6	1
Detroit	0	6	0
Batteries: Fabel and Schalk; Olson, Johnson and Smith.			
At Philadelphia			
R.	H.	E.	
Vashington	8	13	0
Philadelphia	9	13	3
Batteries: Phillips, Courtney, Johnson, Erickson and Gharitty; Moore, Heimach, Rommel and Perkins.			
At New York: (15 innings)			
R.	H.	E.	
Boston	5	19	3
New York	2	10	2
Quinn, Ferguson and Ruel; Hoyt, Jonnard and Sebaug.			

DEMPSEY LEAVES PARIS FOR BERLIN, LAUDS GEORGES

PARIS, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Jack Dempsey bade farewell to Paris today. A throng of French and American admirers accompanied him to the station and gave him a noisy send-off as he boarded a train for Berlin. He acknowledged the demonstration in a brief speech from the platform in which he said:

"I have enjoyed every minute of my stay and I shall not soon forget all your kindness and attention. I am leaving your country with a heart full of gratitude for your loyal reception and wonderful hospitality."

Just before his departure, Dempsey said: "Georges Carpentier told me after our fight in Jersey City last July that if I ever visited France I would never regret it. He was right. If I meet Georges in the ring again, as is most likely, I will have to carry into the arena a more truly friendly feeling than I have ever felt for any opponent."

75,000 PEOPLE NOW HOMELESS RESULT FLOOD

NEW ORLEANS, April 29.—Approximately 75,000 square miles, equal to the combined area of the states of Delaware and Rhode Island, are inundated and probably 75,000 persons either are homeless or residing in flooded homes, according to incomplete unofficial estimates based on reports from the flooded areas in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 29.—Approximately 50,000 persons are affected above Ferriday from flood waters from the Mississippi river, Red, Black, Little Tensas and Ouchita rivers, it was estimated today.

About 750,000 acres, half of which are cultivatable, were overrun, it was estimated and the damage to crops, highways and fertile lands will run into millions of dollars.

All of Concordia parish is inundated. An area of about 250,000 acres in Catahoula parish is affected.

The flood is rushing into Tensas county where there are 80,000 acres of cotton.

With the Mississippi two feet above the previous highest record and more water expected to come down the waterway, it is expected a large section of this vicinity will remain covered until July.

The fight to hold the levee lines is costing thousands of dollars a day. Among those from whom the flood is taking a heavy toll in addition to planters are operators of sawmill plants and railroads. Much valuable lumber has been washed away and the roadbeds of the rail lines are seriously affected.

May Force Children Oregon, 8 to 16 Yrs. Attend Public School

SALEM, Ore., April 29.—The preliminary draft of a proposed amendment to the Oregon school laws requiring compulsory attendance of school of children between the ages of 8 and 16 at a public school was presented to Secretary of State Kozer for his approval as to form and for the preparation of a short title to be used in securing signatures to place the initiative measure on the November ballot.

The proposed measure would make compulsory the attendance at public schools of children between the ages of 8 and 16.

FLOODED CITY STAGES A FATAL RIOT, 3 KILLED

Greek Troublemakers Fire On Sheriff's Posse, Killing the Sheriff and Two Deputies—28 Greeks Captured and Lodged in Jail.

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., April 29.—(By Associated Press.) Out of the greatest flood in its history into the center of the greatest shooting affray it has ever experienced, the city of Beardstown and the village of Frederick, separated by the swollen Illinois river, were joined at daybreak today in an attempt to exact justice for the killing at Frederick last night of Sheriff Edward Lashbrook and Deputies Carl Neff and Frank Utter of Shaylor county.

Deputy Kelly, the only survivor among the county forces, explained this morning the section hands had mistaken the peace efforts of the sheriff's men when the latter approached the box car settlement and opened fire under the misapprehension that they were besieged.

Kelly explained that a clash between an element who objected to the section hands' presence and the Greeks had been feared as an outcome of harrasing the latter had received at the hands of the objectors.

Stories of the shooting at Frederick and the subsequent arrest of 28 Greek section hands, charged with the killings, as they jumped from the C. B. and Q. train as it pulled into Beardstown, equal the wildest fiction.

The Greeks, who three weeks ago, when the flood was at its crest, were ordered out of Beardstown, were charged with nightly trouble making at Frederick, where they were repairing tracks damaged by flood waters. Sheriff Lashbrook, with three deputies approached the Greeks' box car home last night to arrest them.

A volley rang out as the quartet stepped on the station platform. Three of the four fell. Deputy K. M. Kelly jumped to safety behind the station. From that point, he says, he saw the Greeks rush to a C. B. and Q. passenger train which had pulled into the station as the shooting ceased. Others ran in the opposite direction. Across the river, Chief of Police Robert Patterson and four policemen waited for the train, sensing the trouble. The Greeks literally jumped into their arms. Four of them made a wild effort to escape. They plunged waist deep into the water in Beardstown's streets.

Chief Patterson headed the 28 captured.

AGED MINISTER'S APPEAL MOVES GRIM MOUNTAINEERS TO HUNT UP STILLS

MANCHESTER, Ky., April 29.—Somewhere in the fastness of the Kentucky mountains today more than a score of grim mountaineers are bent on a unique mission,—to bring their own moonshine stills into court. An earnest prayer by an aged minister during court yesterday is responsible for their actions. He prayed that lawlessness in Clay county might cease and the hill men listened.

The first confession came from Mrs. Frank Smith, who began crying when she took the witness stand and asked the minister to offer prayer. Mrs. Smith confessed that her husband was in the band that last week ran peace officers out of the Mill Creek territory after shooting one.

Immediately after Mrs. Smith's confession, the men, many of them crying, asked to be permitted to go home and get their stills. Judge Johnson granted the requests.

TCHITCHERIN TALKS BACK TO BARTHOLOMEW

Soviet Foreign Minister Tells Allies to Answer Note at Once Guarantee Credits Or Russia Returns to Initial Position — Lloyd George Issues Hurry Call.

GENOA, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Russia, today said: Premier Facta of Italy, as president of the economic conference, a note expressing the dissatisfaction of the Russian delegation with the delay in replying to its note of April 20 and saying the note would be withdrawn and the Russians would resume their initial position unless they were assured the credits necessary to restore Russia would be granted.

GENOA, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—In line with Prime Minister Lloyd George's declaration that the new allied proposals to the Russians must be considered as a whole, a special drafting committee was endeavoring today to frame a document which would harmonize the differences in the demands submitted by the British and French delegations.

The preamble was completed last night and the remainder of the draft was expected to be ready for submission to the sub-commission on Russian affairs scheduled to meet today.

PARIS, April 29.—A meeting of the entire French cabinet has been called for Sunday night when Vice-Premier Louis Barthou, head of the French Genoa delegation, will outline the conference situation.

The Echo de Paris indicates M. Barthou is inclined to accept certain concessions to the Russians relative to war debts, formulated by the British delegates, because he has received assurance that the British government is disposed to reduce or cancel in the same proportion, France's debts to Great Britain. It is insisted in the official circles that M. Barthou's return to Paris is on his own initiative.

STATE HIGHWAY COM'R. NUNN VISITS CITY

State Highway Commissioner Herbert Nunn is in Medford today attending to business with District Engineer K. E. Hodgeman and looking over the work in this county. Messrs. Nunn and Hodgeman leave tomorrow by auto for a trip over the Green Springs mountain road to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Nunn has been engineer for the highway commission for the past five years, during which over 3,500 miles of highway have been built or contracts let for work now under construction.

Mr. Nunn is a great admirer of southern Oregon and its progressive people.

tured toward the city jail. Guards about the place were quadrupled and every precaution was taken to prevent possible violence.

Deputy Kelly headed the posse which killed one man outside Frederick at 2:30 a. m. Another was arrested at Browning, five miles up the river. He had walked the distance and was caught while attempting to board a train. Cartridges and a razor were found in his pockets.

All authorities working on the case, have virtually agreed that the exact cause of death had not been ascertained. It developed that the young woman in 1919 was classified in the Cook county psychopathic hospital as a paranoiac.

The young woman disappeared March 31. Examining physicians were undecided as to the length of time she had been dead, but it was estimated the period was from a week to two weeks.

The investigation has disclosed to the satisfaction of Sheriff Knox that Miss Hannan's body was placed in the vacant parsonage some time later than April 19, many days after she died.

Coroner Cole has postponed the inquest until next week, expecting an analysis of the dead girl's stomach.

YOUNG FARMER, FATHER OF UNBORN BABE, DENIES HE MURDERED SCHOOL TEACHER

HOOPERSTON, Ill., April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Information obtained through a night of grilling of John Wyman, 38, a well-to-do farmer in connection with the mysterious death of Gertrude Hanna, 26, whose body was found Thursday in the basement of the untenanted parsonage of the First United Presbyterian church here, will be placed before the Vermillion grand jury, State's Attorney John H. Lyman, announced this morning.

During 36 hours of almost constant questioning, Wyman stubbornly insisted that he was innocent of murdering the young woman, but admitted that he was the father of the child which would have been born in a few weeks, the state's attorney announced.