

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 45
Minimum today 32
Precipitation 12

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 38
Minimum 26

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1922

NO. 220

7 KILLED IN
HOUSE FIRE
AT EUGENE

Mistaking Gasoline for Kerosene, Results in Death of Six Little Children and Mother—Four Others Are Badly Burned—4 Victims Were Visitors at Home.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 7.—Six small children and one woman were dead today and three grown persons and one child were suffering from burns received last night when a can of gasoline, mistaken for kerosene, exploded when the contents were poured into a stove to aid a smoldering fire. Mrs. Iver Johnson, at whose home in the outskirts of Eugene the explosion occurred, and Hazel Church, one of the severely injured children, died early today, making the total number of dead, seven. The dead:

William Church, aged 6.
Orville Church, aged 5.
Hazel Church, aged 4.
Idaho Church, aged 3.
Marvel Johnson, aged 4.
Leroy Johnson, aged 2.
Mrs. Iver Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Church, visitors from Radville, Sask., at the Johnson home, were severely injured. They, with Iver Johnson and his son Clifford, aged one, were taken to the hospital, although the latter two are not seriously burned. Iver Johnson, foreman of the county rock crusher, expected to leave the hospital today.

From the story related by the latter, it appeared that Mrs. Johnson, mistaking a can of gasoline for one of kerosene, which she had used habitually in starting the fire, poured the oil in the heater. Immediately there was a blinding explosion, followed by flames which spread throughout the house.

MARSHFIELD MAN
KILLED IN STORM

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 7.—Frank E. Earnst was dead today from injuries received from a limb of a tree blown down by the storm raging in this district yesterday.

A barn was destroyed and a horse killed in the storm.

PORTLAND SUFFERS
29 ABOVE ZERO

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—Coldest weather of the winter so far at Portland was recorded early today at 29 degrees. Snow remained on the ground in the higher portions of the city. Easterly winds which mean cold weather, were predicted for tonight and tomorrow. Astoria today reported the first snowfall of the season.

Hinton Still Flying

PARA, Brazil, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—Lieutenant Walter Hinton resumed his New York-to-Rio Janeiro airplane flight today. He started for Maranhao, down the coast, with the intention of stopping at Paragana to replenish his gasoline supply.

OREGON WOMAN MISUNDERSTANDS
VERDICT; THROWS FIT IN OPEN COURT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—A sensation was caused in federal court here yesterday when Mrs. James Oliver Dewell of McMinnville, Ore., rose in her seat among spectators in the court room, emitted a wild shriek and toppled over in a faint.

Mrs. Dewell's action followed immediately upon the reading of a verdict of not guilty in the case of the government against James Dewell, her husband. Through a misunderstanding Mrs. Dewell thought that the verdict had been read as "guilty."

Upton Claims His
Election Certain,
Deadlock Broken

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 7.—Five eastern Oregon senators, meeting here last night at the home of Senator Roy W. Ritter, decided to vote for Senator Jay H. Upton of Prineville as president of the Oregon senate. Those present were Ritter, Robertson, Dennis, Taylor and Ellis. Senators Upton and Strayer, the other members from the eastern districts were not present.

Supporters of Upton claimed the action taken at the caucus assures his election, giving him 16 votes, breaking the deadlock in which Upton and Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg have been the contenders.

AWARD WOMAN
\$465,000 FROM
MOTHER-IN-LAW

BURLINGTON, Va., Dec. 7.—An award of \$465,000 was made today by the jury which for more than forty hours had deliberated over the million dollar claim of Mrs. Doris Stevens Woodhouse against her wealthy parents-at-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Woodhouse of New York and this city, for the alienation of the affections of her husband, Douglas Woodhouse. The case had consumed five weeks in hearing.

The plaintiff, daughter of a family in modest circumstances, who were neighbors of the wealthy Woodhouses here, contended that her parents at law had inspired and supported her husband in a separation from her that led to his going to Reno, Nev., to establish a residence as the basis for a divorce.

She had been snubbed by them, she submitted, and never had been given adequate recognition as the wife of their son.

AUTO EXHAUST IS
FATAL TO DRIVER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—I. N. Moad, automobile driver, was asphyxiated by carbon monoxide gas from the engine of his car which he was running in his private garage late last night.

He was found unconscious by his son and died at a hospital.

INSURANCE BUSINESS
BREAKS ALL RECORDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The American people are buying \$9,300,000,000 of new life insurance this year, according to the reports of 158 companies, submitted at the sixteenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here this afternoon. This is \$600,000,000 more than was bought in 1921, an increase regarded by leaders of the convention as reflecting improved business and economic conditions for the current year.

Friend of Lincoln's Dies

PELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 7.—K. C. Stewart, a neighbor and friend of Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Ill., in the 50's died at his home in Hamilton Monday night, aged 88 years. Stewart was Lincoln's photographer at Springfield and served as photographer in the Union army during the civil war. He had lived at Hamilton since 1891.

CLARA STILL
ELUDES THE
POLICE NET

Searchers in Mexico, Chicago, and Along Union Pacific Diligent, But Efforts Thus far Fruitless—Rumors Continue to Pile in—No Real Clues As Yet.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Reports that Mrs. Clara Phillips, Los Angeles murderess had been seen in Tijuana, Mexico and that there was a possibility that she had taken refuge in a cabin believed to be owned by Ed (Gold Tooth) Johnson near Point of Rocks, on the ocean, proved false this morning after investigation by Sheriff William Traeger of Los Angeles and a posse.

Traeger and several deputies arrived early this morning from Los Angeles and were joined at the border by Deputy Sheriff Frank Stein of San Diego. The party crossed the line at 6 o'clock and immediately headed for the cabin near Point of Rocks.

Arriving there they found the place occupied by three men who declared themselves the owners of the property. These men stated that Johnson some time ago negotiated for the sale of the property, but that the deal fell through. They denied that Mrs. Phillips had been at the place and invited the officers to make a thorough search, which was done. Following the search and further investigation of the Tijuana rumors, Sheriff Traeger declared himself satisfied that Mrs. Phillips had not fled to this section.

Grab Girls in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Miss Elsie Coe and Miss Clara Hutchins of Baltimore were taken from the incoming Los Angeles limited of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad today by police seeking Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted murderess who escaped from the Los Angeles county jail. The women satisfied the police of their identity.

The women were not placed under arrest, but after being questioned, were directed to go to a local hotel, and the police suggested that they remain in Chicago for 24 hours until all suspicion was allayed. Sergeant John Hardy, who boarded the train in Maywood said Miss Coe bore a resemblance to Mrs. Phillips if photographs of the latter were good likenesses, but that he was morally certain neither of the women was Mrs. Phillips.

Search U. P. Trains

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 7.—Search here of the Union Pacific train on which Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted murderess of Mrs. Albert Meadows in Los Angeles, was reported to be a passenger, following her escape from the Los Angeles county jail Tuesday, failed to show that she was on board. One woman remotely resembled the description of Mrs. Phillips, but after questioning her, the police did not detain her.

The woman admitted she had been in Los Angeles recently, but insisted she boarded the train at Ogden, Utah. She had a ticket from Ogden to Baltimore, Md. She appeared somewhat older than the age given for Mrs. Phillips.

Search for Mrs. Phillips here was hampered because most of the passengers were still in their berths when the train arrived in Cheyenne, shortly after five o'clock this morning.

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 7.—Search

of two eastbound Union Pacific trains passing through here early this morning failed to reveal anyone answering the description of Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted "hammer murderess" who escaped from the Los Angeles county jail early Tuesday. Local police, who made the search, also questioned members of the train crew without learning anything of Mrs. Phillips' whereabouts.

2 YEAR OLD BABY
KILLED BY HOGS

AFTON, Wyo., Dec. 7.—The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Astle Grover died a few hours after receiving injuries from pigs Tuesday. The child had wandered into the pig pen and was mortally injured before his mother, attracted by the unusual commotion and noise, could rescue him. He died without regaining consciousness.

d'Annunzio Is Ill

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Gabriele d'Annunzio is seriously ill. It was reported to the Central News agency from Rome today.

She Is Boss of the Very Newest
Union—the Manicurists of America



Mayme Schwindler of New York City, who is the "boss" or president of the Manicurists of America, the very latest union formed. The union will hold its first convention at the Druggists' Show in Madison Square Garden, Feb. 19 to 22.

WOULD ALLOW
SECY. WALLACE
TO SELL WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The secretary of agriculture would be authorized to buy, sell and store wheat, to secure and maintain to the producer a reasonable price for wheat and to the consumer a reasonable price for bread, under a bill introduced today by Representative Little Republican, Kansas.

It would create the office of a superintendent of grain and bread in the department of agriculture, with power from time to time to sell wheat at not less than the market price at Minneapolis, Buffalo, Kansas City, Chicago and New York, "as he deems for the best interests of the country."

The secretary of agriculture would be authorized to buy wheat at a price not exceeding \$1.10 a bushel. When it cannot be bought at Chicago or New York for less than \$1.85 a bushel the secretary shall sell as much out of storage as he deems wise and at prices he deems to be to the best interests of the nation.

TWO EUGENE MEN
DROWN IN RIVER

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 7.—The bodies of George D. Linn, proprietor of the Eugene Sand and Gravel company, and Henry Nestle, an employee, were swept down the Willamette river when a boat capsized opposite the gravel plant today.

The two men were straining a cable across the river. Mrs. C. H. Nestle, who lives on the bank of the river, heard the cries of her father-in-law, and Linn. She looked out saw the boat drifting upside down and the head of one of the men in the muddy waters a few yards ahead of the boat. This was the last seen of the two. Neither body had been found at noon.

SCHUMANN-HEINKE IS
ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The ultimate recovery of Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heinke, noted contralto, who is ill with bronchial pneumonia at her home here, was predicted today by her physician. Her condition improved greatly last night.

N. P. Orders 3000 Box Cars

TACOMA, Dec. 7.—Orders for 3000 box cars and 49 locomotives in addition to orders recently announced for 2000 cars, have been given by the Northern Pacific railway. Ralph T. Bretz, assistant general freight and passenger agent, stated today. The new equipment will create a demand for 15,000,000 feet of Northwest lumber, he said.

BIG PORTLAND
FLOUR MERGER
NEAR COMPLETION

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—Property of the Portland Flour Mills company in the city was sold at sheriff's mortgage foreclosure sale today to enable the concern to transfer ownership in the Sperry Flour Mills company of San Francisco.

Wallace McCamant, attorney, representing 98 per cent of the holders of the \$3,000,000 bond issue of the local concern, bought in the property situated in Portland. His bids aggregated \$1,172,670.

McCamant during the past month has bid in the other mill properties in Oregon and tomorrow a court in Washington is expected to assent to the sale of nearly three score mills and elevators in that state.

By the middle of January McCamant expects to have the property in condition to complete the sale to the Sperry interests.

APPLE SHIPMENTS
CHICAGO DECREASE

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(Weekly Fruit and Vegetable Survey)—Shipments of principal fruits and vegetables decreased 4000 cars for the week, ending Saturday, December 2, compared with the previous week, without any alarming advance in prices according to the weekly fruit and vegetable review issued by the United States bureau of markets. The heaviest decreases, the reports stated, occurred in shipments of apples, celery, grapes, sweet and white potatoes.

Onions continued to advance, although the storage for future shipments at present amounts to 2000 more than on hand at this time last year. Apple shipments decreased 1300 cars under last week, but the market remained about the same.

ENGLISH SHIP GOES
TO AID OF 'KAISER'

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Radio messages today indicated that the British steamer Tyrrhenia, bound from New York for Genoa was proceeding to the assistance of the German steamer Heinrich Kaiser, reported in need of assistance last night, 500 miles east of Cape May. The Tyrrhenia was 250 miles from the distressed vessel at 9:30 o'clock last night.

The Kaiser is bound from Savannah and Norfolk for Bremen and Hamburg.

Candle in Memory
of Caruso Expected
To Burn 1800 Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A candle of chemically treated beeswax, five feet in circumference at the base, sixteen feet high and weighing one ton, known as the Enrico Caruso memorial candle, has been completed in the studios of Antonio Ajello and brother and will be shipped to Pompeii, Italy, within a few days. It cost \$3,700 and was made on the order of an orphan asylum in New York of which Caruso was a generous benefactor.

The candle will be placed in the Church of Our Lady of Pompeii where Caruso last worked. It is expected to last eighteen centuries, burning at the suggestion of Cardinal Vanutelli 24 hours on each All Soulsday, November 24.

SEES RUIN FOR
IDAHO IF U. P.
GAINS CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Separation of the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific systems would "blast the last hope left in the hearts of the people of Idaho," for better railroad service, Senator Gooding, republican of that state asserted today before the interstate commerce commission. Appearing in his own behalf, he asserted the commission should grant the Southern Pacific authority to continue its present control of the Central Pacific lines even though a supreme court decree has been entered ordering their separation.

Idaho was faced with a practical monopoly of transportation by the Union Pacific railroad and its subsidiaries, Senator Gooding said, and the policy of that railroad system had "wrecked and ruined the state of Idaho by maintaining high rates. If the Central Pacific should be separated from the Southern Pacific, he asserted, it would pass under control of the Union Pacific directly or indirectly.

"We know exactly what to expect if the Union Pacific is allowed to dominate the Central Pacific," Senator Gooding declared. "Rates will continue to be the highest that there is in the country. You can realize what is the matter with Idaho now when you read the freight rate schedules. We have just a hope that the Southern Pacific, retaining the Central Pacific will some day build up into Idaho from Ogden, Utah, and give us competition. I am moved in this matter to urge the continued unity of the two roads solely by a desire to see my state great in the future."

YAKIMA WINS PRIZE
AT CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Chief among honors distributed today at the International Livestock show, was the award to Miss Justine Moose, Kansas university graduate of her championship for her Chester White sow.

In the Aberdeen-Angus breeding division, L. L. Jones, Raymond, S. D., won the championship with his bull, Bar Marshall. The reserve award went to Congdon and Battles, Yakima, Wash.

Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Sterling exchange established another new high record today demand bills being quoted at \$4.56 1/4, or 1 1/4c above yesterday's top price.

The normal rate of the pound is \$4.84 3/4.

CLEMENCEAU'S MEETING WITH EX-PREST.
WILSON IS CORDIAL AND AFFECTIONATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Rising later than his usual habit after the strenuous day of yesterday and a night address which kept him up late, Georges Clemenceau today faced a comparative lull in the program which has kept him on the whirl since he brought his campaign for France to the American capital last Monday. Luncheon with President Harding at the White House at 1:30 o'clock was the only scheduled event on his program for the day.

Clemenceau lay abed today until eight o'clock—four hours after his usual rising time.

During the morning he received several visitors, among them Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy; John Hays Hammond and Colonel E. M. House, who arranged his tour.

MURDER IS
RAMPANT IN
ERIN AGAIN

One Member of New Irish Parliament killed, Another Seriously Injured En Route to First Session—Rebels Capture Barracks—Bombs Are Thrown.

DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—President Cosgrave announced to the parliament this afternoon that Deputy Sean Hales had been shot and killed and Deputy Patrick O'Malley, who was deputy speaker had been wounded while they were on their way to the parliament session.

The two victims were on a jaunting car proceeding along the quays when they were attacked with revolvers. Deputy Speaker O'Malley's wound is serious.

After the announcement Minister of Defense Mulcahy rose and said: "These men did not have a priest, nor were they asked if they would see their relatives."

All the members of the parliament rose as a mark of sympathy.

These are the first acts of violence reported since the inauguration of the free state government.

O'Malley was deputy speaker of the Dail, or lower house of the free state parliament, at yesterday's session, when the members took the oath of allegiance.

Hales was returned from south Cork in the last parliamentary elections, running as a pro-treaty candidate on the panel ticket framed by the opposing factions.

Rebels Capture Barracks

CORK, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—Two hundred rebels captured the barracks at Ballinakeena, near Macroom yesterday, killing one man and wounding 15. The rebels took 50 prisoners, including Commandant McMahon, after a fight lasting several hours, but released them later.

The fight was the fiercest yet reported in county Cork. Before advancing on the barracks, the irregulars captured an armored car at Brandon, which they used, together with twenty machine guns and bombs in their attack on the troops defending the village.

The free state military was eventually outnumbered and forced to surrender.

CORK, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—A powerful bomb was thrown at a military car this morning. The missile did not reach its mark, but exploded nearby wounding two men and two women. The bomb thrower escaped.

4 CHILDREN DIE
IN BLAZING HOME

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Four of the six children of Joseph and Veronica Buak were burned to death and the parents and their two remaining children were severely burned in a fire early today that partially destroyed their home. It was belated by firemen that the blaze was started by an overheated stove.

One of the dead children was a ten months old girl. Heat from the flames awoke the elder son and the father, who ran to warn Mrs. Dudak and the children sleeping in a rear bedroom, but the flames soon enveloped the rear of the house. The father was severely burned in the attempt.

He plans to leave for Philadelphia almost immediately after concluding his address here tomorrow, delivering another there Saturday and then moving to Chicago for his final speech there Monday.

The Ticker wound up a crowded day yesterday which included a quarter of an hour visit with former President Wilson, described by M. Clemenceau as a meeting of the utmost cordiality and affection, with an address last night before the southern society in continental memorial hall, delivered as a message to the south, after being obliged to cancel his trip to that section.