

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 46
Minimum today 29.5

Daily—Seventeenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Second Year.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1922

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 34
Minimum 18
Precipitation Trace

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WALLY'S FATE STARTS QUIZ OF DRUG EVIL

Film Idol Near Death, Drink and Dope Weaken Star Who Wept Over Own Folly—California Probe Narcotic Sales to Movie Folks—Hays On Ground.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—The condition of Wallace Reid, motion picture actor, who recently suffered a nervous breakdown and who was reported to be on the verge of death last night, improved somewhat today and his wife, known in the film world as Dorothy Davenport, said she was hopeful the crisis was past.

"Wallace's doctors have about made up their minds it is a case of influenza," Mrs. Reid said. "The charts of the hospital where he has been under treatment, taken during the past week, show all the symptoms of this disease. If he can throw off this he will be back at work as soon as his strength is regained."

"He weighs only 130 pounds now and he is six foot two inches tall."

Mrs. Reid said her husband's breakdown, which came about six weeks ago, was, she believed, due to habits "peculiarly dangerous to one of Wallace's high strung temperament."

"Wallace always drank to some extent," she said, "and about two years ago began to use drugs. He was very ill at that time, but there was a great deal of work at his studio and he felt he must keep up somehow and he resorted to the artificial means which have so nearly been his undoing."

"Any talk of his having been connected with a 'dope ring' is absolutely absurd and untrue. Nor did he frequent 'dope parties.' I think he did go to one or two such affairs, but he found them distasteful and never went back. He liked a lively time and cheerful companionship and whatever he did was done openly."

"Up to the time of his breakdown he believed he had full control of himself. I am satisfied that he has won the fight against the influences which brought about his trouble and it only remains to overcome the complications which have set in because of his weakened condition."

The actor's contract with the Famous Players-Lasky corporation has two years to run, Mrs. Reid said. He expects to return to work at the corporation's studio, she said.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid, motion picture star, is on the verge of death and for several days was not expected to live, according to Mrs. Wallace Reid (Dorothy Davenport).

In an interview for the Los Angeles Examiner given at a Hollywood sanitarium last night, one of the physicians, according to the Examiner, corroborated Mrs. Reid's statements, saying:

"Mr. Reid has been near death for the past five or six days. His temperature has repeatedly reached 103 and his pulse 130, as against normal figures of temperature 98 and pulse 72. His heart action is irregular and weak. He has fainted on an average of three times daily and has lost 70 pounds in weight."

"Laboratory findings at the present time indicate he is suffering from either a complete exhaustive condition or influenza."

"A re-infection of influenza is possible at any time and could cause his death. This is not anticipated by attending physicians but must be and is being considered."

The physician, describing the actor's illness, according to the Examiner said:

"His present illness has not connection with over indulgence in alcohol or narcotics although such in-

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German Shoppers Gay, Berlin Dealers Sad, At Rise of Mark

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—In the midst of their Christmas shopping German consumers of foreign delicacies were jubilant today at the unprecedented drop in the dollar, represented by mark exchange falling from \$300 to \$600 to the dollar in five days. This rise in the mark has already produced a drop of from 10 to 25 per cent in wholesale market prices.

The retailers are reluctant to make reductions because they are stocked up with goods bought when the mark was much lower.

STORM ON GREAT LAKES TAKE TOLL OF LIVES, CARGO

9 Vessels With \$28,000,000 Valuation Battling Heavy Seas—Grain for East On Board—Zero Weather Imperils—Passengers Missing

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Battling foot by foot through towering seas and freezing spray, the men who go down to the sea in ships are fighting an epochal battle across the icy wastes of Lake Superior to keep navigation open far beyond its usual time and bring down the lakes the last cargo of the year.

Already the fight has claimed its toll of lives and before the last ship has been accounted for—or been given up for lost—that toll may be greater.

Nearly a dozen died a few days ago when a Canadian steamer was dashed to pieces within a stone's throw of safety at the mouth of the Portage lake ship canal.

Twenty-seven more were added to the probable death roll when survivors of the tug Reliance, wrecked last Wednesday on Lizard Island, reached Sault Ste Marie after almost incredible hardships.

Navigation on the upper lakes usually closes December 1. This year it was decided to keep the waterways open until December 15, because the coal and fuel strikes had cut down the coal shipped to the northwest and delayed the movement of grain east.

As a result nine big freighters loaded with grain—\$28,000,000 worth of ships and cargo—are fighting their way down Lake Superior toward that graveyard of gallant vessels, Whitefish Bay, trying to win through to Buffalo for winter storage.

In Mud Lake, part of the St. Mary's river, another big fleet is icebound, waiting for the arrival of the nine which left for William, Ont., three days ago before trying, with the assistance of icebreaking tugs, to win past Detour to the open waters of Lake Huron.

At Eagle Harbor and Grand Marais, Whitefish Point and Detour, Alpena, Mackinac Island and Manitowish, naval radio operators are keeping vigil, guiding the freighters through the night with radio compass signals, and waiting for the calls for help which may come.

The story of the fate of the tug Reliance, owned by the Superior Paper company of Sault Ste Marie, was told yesterday when seven survivors reached Soo.

Five days ago the tug with a crew of 14 and 22 passengers, was dashed to pieces on the rocks of lonely Lizard Island, 75 miles north of Point Aux Pins, the western entrance to the St. Mary's river, and 12 miles from the mainland. The captain and 27 men took one boat and Mr. and Mrs. John Harten, and seven others took the other.

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HEAVY SNOW BAD LUCK TO MOONSHINERS TRACKS LEAD SLUTHS TO HIDDEN STILL

TACOMA, Dec. 18.—The heavy snow that has covered the outlying sections of Grays Harbor county, has resulted in the arrest of a number of alleged moonshiners, the capture of a dozen stills, and the confiscation of hundreds of gallons of liquors and mash, according to announcement at prohibition headquarters here today.

The drive was conducted by federal agents and deputy sheriffs of Grays Harbor county, who in several instances, were able to follow tracks through the snow to the location of stills. The raids were made in the wooded sections of the county where it had heretofore been impossible to locate the liquor manufacturing activities that were known to exist.

Figures in Valparaiso's "Pshychic" Crises



Leading figures in the Valparaiso university "Campus Triangle" in which Mrs. Anna M. Gant, wife of Prof. P. A. Gant, formerly of the Valparaiso university, is charged by Mrs. Blanche Huston, 17 year old wife of Ernest Huston, with being a college vampire. Photo shows from left to right, Ernest Huston, his wife Blanche and their baby. Prof. P. A. Gant, author of the "Pshychic" Crises, and her daughter Lois.

'FRISCO SUBSCRIBES IN LIBERAL STYLE FOR ASTORIA HELP

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Subscriptions in excess of \$15,000 for the relief of the Astoria fire victims were announced today by Mayor James Rolph at a meeting of the committee named by him to direct relief measures here.

Three of the subscriptions were for \$5,000 each, one from the Hammond-Lumber company, another from the Columbia River Packers' association and the third from the Standard Oil company.

The committee requested the county board of supervisors to make an appropriation for the relief fund.

In a statement to the committee Mayor Rolph asked for small subscriptions as well as large, saying that it was up to San Francisco to make Astoria's Christmas as happy a one as possible. He read a letter from William F. Gilbert, chairman of the Astoria disaster relief committee, commending San Francisco for its efforts to relieve the distress.

LEGION ELECTION OF OFFICERS TUESDAY

Marking the close of the administration headed by Elmer Wilson as commander, the American Legion post tomorrow night will select a new set of officers.

The retiring officers have filled their positions with credit both to themselves and the local post during the past year, the legionnaires having established new and impressive quarters and put the organization on a financially sound basis.

Following the voting on new officers tomorrow night, the post will enjoy a fine program and banquet both features being above the ordinary run of legion affairs.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will join with the men following the business sessions of both organizations and according to those in charge of the evening's program it will be one of the blishest nights enjoyed by the ex-service men and the auxiliary in many months.

WINTER WHEAT IS BELOW AVERAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Winter wheat was sown this fall on 46,969,000 acres, or 3.2 per cent less than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1921, which was 47,111,000 acres, the department of agriculture announced today. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 79.5 per cent of normal, compared with 76.9 a year ago, 87.9 in 1920 and 87.9 the ten year December 1 average condition.

Miners Killed.
DRUMHELLER, Ala., Dec. 18.—William McKenite, fire boss and Harry Reese, miner, were killed by a powder explosion at the Gibson syndicate mine at midnight. Two others were injured.

50 BELOW IN CANADA, GALE ALONG COAST

Zero Weather for East Predicted—Silver Thaw Upstate Threatened—Low Temperatures in Mid-West—Two Freeze to Death—Rain in Wn. Ends Cold Spell

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Temperature of fifty degrees below zero at White River, Ont., was reported today to the weather bureau which issued a cold wave warning for New York, Pennsylvania and New England states.

Other low temperatures were: 33 below at Medicine Hat, 25 below at Duluth, Minn.; 24 below at Mason City, Iowa; 14 below at St. Paul; 20 below at Bismarck, N. D.; 22 below at Charles City, Iowa; 15 below at Wausau, Wis.; 10 below at Sault Ste Marie, Mich.; 6 below at Des Moines, Iowa, and 3 below at Chicago.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—The cold wave which has gripped Oregon and Washington is due to be driven away by a southeast storm which already has reached the Oregon coast according to the weather bureau. A 60 mile southeast wind was blowing at the mouth of the Columbia river, driving warmer air currents over the front-gripped Pacific Northwest. This warmer atmospheric strata early this morning dropped rain and sleet, which for a time threatened a dreaded Oregon "silver thaw," as it froze on reaching the ground. According to the weather bureau, however, the storm, which had been caused by a low area central over Prince Rupert, B. C., will bring rising temperatures. The minimum here early today was 22, and at 9:30 the temperature had risen to 32.

A minimum of 26 was forecast here for tomorrow.

Corresponding moderation was noted in eastern Oregon and the Willamette valley this morning.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Temperatures lower than any previously reported this winter in the northwest, the upper lake region the great central valleys, the middle and west gulf states and the southern Rocky Mountain region were recorded last night and today as another cold wave spread over a great portion of the United States was of the Appalachian mountains. The mercury in Chicago went below zero for the first time this season. It was one below here early today.

The weather bureau reported the cold wave has a general southeasterly trend across the middle states and will be followed by a slowly rising temperature today for the middle Mississippi valley.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 18.—The cold spell of two weeks was broken here this morning by a Chinook wind which sent the mercury from 15 to 32 degrees above zero during the night. Street traffic was rendered dangerous early this morning by a "silver thaw," but continued rain during the day rapidly melted the icy surface of twelve inches of snow which was on the ground. Fears were entertained that the ice in the rivers might cause floods if the warm weather continues.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY GUARANTEED TO ALL BY TURK PROMISE

LAUSANNE, Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Turkey formally engaged today before the Near East conference to accord Christian minorities, in all that concerns their life and liberty, the same rights and the same protection as are enjoyed by the Turkish population, with the free exercise of their religion and the right to establish educational, charitable and religious institutions.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Russia proposed today to the Near East conference commission studying the status of the Turkish straits a plan providing for an international board of control on which would be represented Germany, the United States, France, England, Italy and all the states bordering on the Black sea.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.) The Near East conference entered its fifth week today with three of its biggest problems still unsolved but with the sub-committee to which they have been entrusted making every effort to reach settlements.

Difficulties over the control of the Mesul oil regions, the question of deporting the Greek patriarch and the status of the Turkish capitulations have caused the conference many anxious moments and their final settlement still is hanging fire.

The delegations believe that they virtually have disposed of the perplexing question of the Dardanelles and that they have overcome many of the obstacles in the way of a solution of the minorities problem.

SHIP SUBSIDY VICTOR IN SENATE SCRAP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Proponents of the administration shipping bill won the first advantage in the senate today over the move of opponents to displace the bill with the Norris agriculture financing measure.

When the senate met it had pending before it the motion to displace the one bill with the other which was made Saturday by Chairman Norris of the agriculture committee.

While supporters of the Norris motion were attempting to get the floor, Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana, a democratic supporter of the ship measure, claimed recognition in accordance with a notice given last week and launched into a speech in behalf of the bill.

Jap Prince Has Catarrh.
TOKIO, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The prince regent, Hirohito, has recovered from his recent attack of measles, but now is suffering from an attack of bronchial catarrh, according to announcement by the director of the imperial household.

Quake Recorded.
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 18.—A slight earthquake, apparently centered in or near the West Indies, was recorded at the Harvard college seismographic station today.

Committee Approves Pierce Butler for Associate Justice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The nomination of Pierce Butler of Minnesota to be associate justice of the supreme court was ordered reported to the senate today by an unanimous vote of the judiciary committee.

The committee acted after receiving a report from a sub-committee which inquired into opposition to the nomination and recommended favorable action.

Chairman Nelson announced he would make the report on the nomination at the first executive session of the senate and call it up at the first opportunity. Senators LaFollette of Wisconsin and Norris, Nebraska, republicans, have indicated that they will fight confirmation.

CORVALLIS ENTRY FOR TOLEDO GAME BALLS UP PLANS

State Athletic Board Adds to Confusion By Reversing Self—Too Much Delay Upstate Branded As 'Portland Stall.'

News that the Corvallis high school was dickered for a game with the Scott high school of Toledo, Ohio, and the state athletic board of control was apt to reverse itself, were the chief features of the negotiations for the securing of a New Year's game here. Some final decision is expected today.

Corvallis offered \$4000 for the game after Washington high of Portland withdrew as expected. The aim seems to be to keep the game upstate if possible, and Saturday's developments are characterized as 'Portland stall.'

Medford has also offered the Toledo team \$4000 for a game in Medford on New Year's day. They have also offered to allow the Corvallis team to have the New Year's day date and play the Toledo team on some other day here. Neither of these propositions has received approval from Corvallis, however.

This noon it was feared that unless Medford and Corvallis came to terms and agreed to each play a game with the Buckeyes that the state board would retract the permission they had granted Medford and would not issue permission to Corvallis.

Superintendent A. G. Smith and Principal Campbell are now in Grants Pass explaining the situation to A. J. Mishler, secretary of the state board.

The state board told the Corvallis officials at the time they asked permission to play a post-season game that they could not play unless Medford abandoned the proposition. Medford has at no time dropped negotiations.

Medford attempted to reach an agreement to have Corvallis play one of the games last Saturday and at that time Corvallis was preparing to grab the only game for herself. To stall off the Medford advances, however, and to delay any offer that might be made by Medford to the Ohio team for one game, the Corvallis officials, according to Superintendent Smith "played politics" and stated that they had no idea of playing a game with Scott high as their team had turned in their suits and as the men were out of condition.

At the time that the Corvallis officials were telling Mr. Smith this fairy tale the Corvallis business men were raising the \$4000 guarantee so that the northern team might get the only

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VICTIM OF HERRIN CANNIBALS COME BACK FROM GROVE TO TESTIFY TO BARBARISM

MARION, Ill., Dec. 18.—Shot down and left to die on a lonely roadside, Dan O'Rourke returned today to tell his story at the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin mine slayings. That O'Rourke, who still bears the scars left by his injuries, had come back from the very shadow of the grave to testify for the prosecution was announced by counsel for the state at the opening of court today.

O'Rourke was one of the six men whom other witnesses have testified were shot down before the Herrin city cemetery after they had been

marched through the town by a singing, jeering mob.

One witness has told of seeing the six dead and badly wounded men in the road, three of them still breathing and all bound together by a rope about their necks. Another testified of trying to take a drink of water to two of the sufferers and of being ordered away by one of the defendants.

According to prosecuting attorneys, one of these men was O'Rourke and the other was Howard Hoffman, who died two days later in a hospital. O'Rourke was left here today under heavy guard.

DENVER MINT CART ROBBED BY 2 BANDITS

Seize \$200,000 in \$5 Gold Pieces After Wounding Guard—Shoot Without Any Warning—Believe Thug Shot While Escaping in Auto—Fast Work Feature.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—Leaping from an automobile which had drawn up alongside of a Federal Reserve delivery wagon at the main entrance of the Denver mint, and shooting toward four Federal Reserve guards who were emerging from the building carrying \$200,000 in \$5 gold pieces, two bandits at 10:40 this morning shot and probably fatally injured Charles Linton, one of the guards, seized the entire consignment of money, jumped into their car and escaped.

The third member of the bandit group remained at the wheel of the machine. One of the bandits is believed to have been shot while getting away.

So quickly did the bandits work that persons in the immediate vicinity were unaware of what had happened until guards from within the mint rushed to the windows and out of the main entrance firing at the escaping highwaymen.

Linton, who was assisting in guarding the car, fell at the first shot from the bandits' guns. The bandits, described by guards at the mint who saw them, were apparently about 28 years of age. Linton had been employed by the Federal Reserve bank for many years as a guard.

All police in Denver have been armed with riot guns and an intensive search of the hospitals of Denver and suburbs is now under way in an effort to locate the bandit who is believed to have been shot as he was entering the waiting automobile to make his escape.

All roads out of Denver are being guarded and word of the holdup has been sent to all outside counties. The car bore a Colorado license, No. 80,001.

The holdup occurred in West Colfax avenue, directly in front of the main entrance of the mint. The main building is bound on the east by Cherokee street and on the west by Delaware. It fronts on West Colfax avenue.

The robbery occurred at 10:40 o'clock, a few minutes after the government employees had begun to load the gold into the Federal Reserve truck.

While the loading was in progress, an automobile drew up in front of the mint building. Three masked robbers sprang from it. Before the government employees knew what had happened the bandits opened fire from high powered rifles.

The robbers seized the gold and sprang into a large automobile. As their car sped away armed government guards inside the mint building fired from the windows of the mint at the robbers.

The entire Denver police force quickly was called into action in an effort to apprehend the robbers.

The money was the property of the federal reserve bank and was being transferred from the mint to the main bank office here for distribution to Denver, Colorado and Wyoming banks, according to R. J. Grant, director of the mint.

The funds of the reserve bank are held in vaults at the mint for the bank because of the lack of secure bank vaults in the headquarters of

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