

The Weather
Prediction Showers
Maximum yesterday 40
Minimum today 37 1/2
Precipitation 13

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1922

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 34
Minimum 22
Precipitation01

PLUTOCRATS FLAYED FOR TAX DODGING

Listen to Voice of People, Or
Crumble, Says Morris—
Few 'Reeking in Wealth'
While Many Suffer—Enough
to Resurrect Alex. Hamilton
Declares N. C. Democrat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Efforts to obtain agreement for a vote in the senate today on the motion to displace the shipping bill with the Norris bill to create a farm marketing corporation were defeated by objections from Senators King, democrat, Utah, and Reed, democrat, Missouri. Senator Jones, republican, Washington, in charge of the shipping bill, thereupon served notice that unless an agreement could shortly be reached to vote on the Norris motion, he would force it by moving to lay the proposal on the table.

In discussing his bill on the senate floor, Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, asserted that many governments had crumbled or had been destroyed because of refusal to listen to the voice of the people and insisted that something should be done to relieve the farmers. He asserted that while one class of citizens was suffering, crying for help and was in a deplorable condition, another class was "reeking" in wealth, and spending its time issuing stock dividends to the amount of \$1,600,000,000 "so as to escape taxation."

Because of his view that the pending shipping bill would not build up the American merchant marine, Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, asserted that he would support the Norris motion.

Calling attention to the fact that the banking committee probably will be able to report a farm credits measure to the senate in a week, Chairman McLean of that committee, urged the senate not to act upon the Norris bill and attempt to relieve the farmer "piecemeal."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—By a vote of 118 to 52 the house today took up for consideration the Green resolution proposing a constitutional amendment opposing the further issuance of tax exempt securities.

An hour of sharp debate in which the entire question was discussed and the proposal condemned and commended preceded the vote.

It presenting a ruling giving the measure right of way, Acting Chairman Snell of the rules committee declared tax exempt securities amounted to fifteen billion dollars and that there was no way short of a constitutional amendment that would keep the wealthy from hiding from taxation.

Representative Pott of North Carolina, ranking democrat of the rules committee, characterized the proposal "as the greatest farce ever attempted on the American people," asserting that 90 per cent of the agitation for the measure was propaganda, Mr. Pott added.

"Alexander Hamilton would turn over in his grave if he could read his thing and the people of the smaller communities would be amazed if told how their road and school and drainage bonds, purchased at great privation, had been subjected to a rate of taxation to be fixed by somebody else."

CIVIL WAR VETERANS AND WIDOWS TO GET INCREASED PENSIONS CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Veterans of the Civil war, widows of veterans and Civil war nurses probably will receive Christmas presents from the government in the form of increased pensions as the result of an agreement reached by conferees on the Bursum pension bill. The bill was passed by the senate last summer and by the house at the recent special session. Slight differences be-

Portland Man Bids \$350,000 for Fight For World's Title

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—W. H. Klepper, principal owner of the Portland baseball club, last night wired Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, an offer of \$350,000 for a ten round boxing match for the championship of the world between Dempsey and Jess Willard to be held here July 4 next. Willard, who is here, declared himself agreeable to the proposal.

DRUG STRICKEN FILM STAR ON WAY TO HEALTH

Wallace Reid Improves—Temperature Decreases—Link Producers and Actors With Plight—Accident On Location Blamed for Mis-step

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Wallace Reid is resting easier today with an overnight decrease in temperature, according to Mrs. Wallace Reid, wife of the motion picture actor confined in a Hollywood sanitarium following a nervous breakdown.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Reports available today from the sanitarium where Wallace Reid, motion picture star, is suffering from a breakdown which relatives ascribed to complications following his breaking away from the use of whiskey and narcotics, indicated an improvement in his condition.

It is persistently rumored that the names of some of the biggest producers and actors in southern California are linked with Reid's plight.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Wallace Reid, international screen idol and hero of scores of film plays, has voluntarily given up the use of narcotics and is now playing out the most heroic role of his life in a Hollywood sanitarium where his determined attempt to win out over drugs and whiskey has brought him to so low an ebb of physical resistance that his life is in danger.

Almost three years ago members of the Reid household first noticed the change in the star's actions, they declared yesterday. The change dated from a severe injury sustained by Mr. Reid while he was filming a picture near San Francisco. A large rock falling from an overhanging bank struck Reid on the back of the head and knocked him out. Eleven stitches were taken by physicians in the actor's scalp.

From the date of the accident to Reid's general break-down last September, his family yesterday traced his decline. Parts of the water in which liquor flowed like water marked the path. From whiskey the trail branched to narcotics and ended just two months ago when Mr. Reid decided to fight it out and win his way back.

"The fight is won," declared his family last night.

"We have all fought the battle together and we have beaten the whiskey and the rest of the trouble makers. There will be no more liquor in this house and there will be no more parties."

The Noted Dead

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 19.—W. T. Reid, former president of the University of California, died at his home here last night. He was head of the university from 1881 to 1883.

Flyer Reaches Rio
CAMOCIM, Brazil, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press.) Lieutenant Walter Hinton, flying from New York to Rio, arrived here at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon from Maranhao.

Between the two houses have been compromised and the author of the bill, Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, announced today that he hoped for final congressional action and the presidential signature before Christmas.
Pensions of veterans are increased under the measure from \$50 to \$72 a month, widows' pensions from \$30 to \$50, and nurses' pensions from \$50 to \$59.

THINK AMATEURS STAGED DARING DENVER ROBBERY

Reward of \$10,000 Dead or Alive Offered for Trio—Use Radio to Flash Description—Loot in \$5 Bills—Police Check Up Loafers.

DENVER, Dec. 19.—The city and county of Denver today offered a reward of \$10,000 for the capture, dead or alive, of the bandits who yesterday shot and killed a guard of the federal reserve bank and escaped with \$200,000 in currency in a sensational robbery in front of the Denver mint.

Chief of Police Rugg Williams was still of the opinion today that the men who committed the robbery are not professional bandits, and informed the Associated Press that he was conducting his search along that line. He believes the robbers have not left Denver. Last night and during the early hours this morning police made a thorough search of the rooming houses and small hotels and there was a general checking up of all characters known to police.

DENVER, Dec. 19.—After approximately 24 hours had elapsed since the robbery of \$200,000 from a federal reserve bank truck, executed with almost unequalled daring and determination, police authorities conceded that the four bandits and their light touring car have at least temporarily eluded pursuit.

The thin air into which the desperadoes seemingly vanished is being charged with radiograms broadcast from several stations conveying to distant police stations a description of the bandits who shot and killed Charles T. Linton, a reserve bank guard and made off with \$200,000 of the \$5 paper bills which Uncle Sam backs up with an equal amount of gold.

The descriptions broadcast are as follows:
Age 21, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weight 150 pounds, light complexion, had handkerchief over face when last seen, dark cap, dark suit, believed to be leader of federal reserve bank robbers and probably a Denver man.
Age 28, 6 feet tall, heavy built, weighing 170 pounds, dark suit and dark cap, no overcoat. Had rifle or shotgun in his hands when last seen.
Age 28, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weight 150 pounds, slender built, dark cap and dark suit.
Age 30 to 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches tall; very dark complexion, thick lips, smooth shaven, coffee colored heavy hat and same color heavy overcoat, believed to be man who shot Linton.

DENVER, Dec. 19.—Information furnished by a woman this morning gave the police new hope of apprehending the robbers. The informant, although not herself implicated in the robbery, gave detailed information to the police that has added them in narrowing down their man hunt to a quest for certain well described persons who are well known to the police.

As a result of the information furnished by the woman, police officials declared they were satisfied the robbery was the work of a local gang of underworld characters of more than ordinary cunning and daring. Police officials declared they expected speedy developments and an early arrest.

All stores in Denver and in adjoining cities are being checked today for possible appearance of the stolen bills. The numbers of the bills, all of \$5 denomination, as given out by officials of the federal reserve bank, were from 20,852,001 to 20,876,000 and from 20,940,001 to 20,955,000.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 19.—Eighteen hours of searching by federal, county and city officers and questioning of sixteen persons at police headquarters had failed to reveal any trace of the identity of the bandits who yesterday robbed a federal reserve bank truck of \$200,000 after a gun battle in front of Charles T. Linton, one of the guards on the truck, was fatally wounded.

Many persons telephoned police headquarters that they had seen the automobile in which the bandits fled from the scene of the battle and that it was still traveling at great speed. In every case, however, investigation showed that the car sighted was one of the many containing peace officers who scoured the roads in this vicinity after the robbery.

Airplanes Burn.
SPOKANE, Dec. 19.—Four airplanes, valued with their hangar at \$10,000, were destroyed when the roof of the hangar of the United States Aircraft corporation, a commercial aviation company with a flying field at Parkwater, a suburb, collapsed today beneath a weight of snow.

Heavy Firing in Cork
CORK, Dec. 19.—There was heavy firing for two hours last night in the northern suburbs of Cork, the republicans using machine guns. One civilian was severely wounded.

STILL DICKERING TOLEDO GAME; LOCAL CLAIM O.K.

State Athletic Board Finally Stands By First Ruling—No Answer to Wire—Corvallis Also Keen for Contest, May Disregard Decision of Board

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 19.—The argument between Corvallis and Medford high schools as to which play the New Year's game with Toledo, Ohio, was settled, according to announcement here today, on receipt of a telegram from the Scott high school of Toledo, giving its vote to Corvallis.

The vote of the Scott high school has nothing to do with the permission of the state board. The board has stood by its first decision and Corvallis is still trying to carry off the game in a high-handed manner.

Superintendent Smith has notified Corvallis by telephone that if they play it will be under protest by Medford and without the sanction of the state board. If Corvallis insists on playing without the permission of the state board Medford will ask that the northern school be expelled from the state high school athletic association.

A wire was sent last night to Scott high school of Toledo, Ohio, stating that Corvallis was unable to obtain the permission of the state athletic board of control and that Medford renewed her offer of \$4000 for the New Year's Day game.

A final decision was reached yesterday by the state board, two members of which elected to stand by their decision of December 9th. The third member of the board voted to let Scott high choose between Medford and Corvallis.

The decision of the state board on December 9th is recorded as follows in the minutes of the state board meeting which was held on that date: "Permission was given the Medford high school, a representative team of the Oregon High School Athletic Association, to play the Scott high school of Toledo, Ohio, a game of football about Jan. 1st, 1923. The question of championship is not to be involved in the schedule or playing of this game. (Signed) 'W. J. MISHLER.'"

Not a word in the minutes of the meeting refers to any permission having been given to Corvallis and as two members of the state board have stood by the above statement and as they constitute a majority, Corvallis will not receive permission.

If Corvallis plays the game on New Year's Day with Scott they will undoubtedly be expelled from the state high school athletic association for disregarding the decision of the board.

Medford has the permission, however, as is above evidenced and has guaranteed the \$4000 required by Scott. No answer has as yet been received from Scott but one is expected at any time. It is supposed that before accepting Medford's offer they are communicating with Corvallis to determine the status of that team with the state board.

Evidently Corvallis has made the claim that they are state champions. At least, a telegraphic dispatch from Toledo contained in yesterday's Oregonian refers to the northern team as "champions of Oregon."

PORTLAND SCHOOL BONDS APPROVED

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—Portland's \$3,000,000 school bond issue was validated by a decision today of the state supreme court which held that the use of the words "various polling places" instead of "regular" or "usual" polling places in election notices did not render the bonds invalid.

A Chicago bond firm which had bid on the bonds withdrew its bid on the advice of its attorney that the bonds were invalid owing to the use of the word "various."

The decision today was in a friendly suit on behalf of the Portland school board to test the validity of the issue. The supreme court in effect, upheld the constitutionality of the woman's jury law in the case of the state against J. J. Chase, who appealed from Lane county from conviction of a statutory offense.

Clemenceau Back Home.
HAVRE, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Georges Clemenceau, returning from his tour of the United States, will be back on French soil tomorrow morning. The liner Paris, on which he is traveling from New York, is expected to dock at 9 a. m.

KANSAS SENATOR TAKEN TO TASK FOR PROPOGANDA

Used Inadequate or Erroneous Statements in Capper's Weekly to Win Ship Bill Fight—Unearth Subterfuge in Use of Minority Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Accuracy of statements made in a questionnaire sent out by Capper's Weekly, published by Senator Capper, republican, of Kansas, head of the farm bloc, to ascertain public sentiment on the administration shipping bill is questioned by Chairman Lasker of the shipping board in a letter received by Senator Capper.

In his letter, made public by the shipping board, Mr. Lasker told the senator that "whatever may be your position upon the pending ship subsidy bill, am sure you do not desire the readers of your paper to reach their conclusion upon either inadequate or erroneous statements."

"Because the statements in the circular of the organ controlled by you are not accurate and are wholly at variance with the facts," the letter continued, "I feel it my duty to you, to myself and to the people we both represent, to give you the facts and thus enable you to correct the erroneous impression your publication has created. You certainly would not wish and I certainly could not permit any part of our people to be misled concerning the provisions of the ship subsidy bill or the facts surrounding it."

Mr. Lasker questioned particularly statements in the questionnaire that the government intended to sell its war built merchant fleet for approximately \$200,000,000, planned to lend \$125,000,000 to recondition the ships or build others and then would pay out about \$750,000,000 in subsidies and aids to ship owners during the next ten years.

Mr. Lasker said he challenged anyone to find where the shipping board ever had proposed to sell its merchant fleet for \$200,000,000. Under existing law provision is made for a \$125,000,000 construction fund, he declared, adding that the proposed legislation only made slight modifications in the present law, "to meet conditions more successfully."

As to the probable cost of government aid, Mr. Lasker said shipping board officials repeatedly had advocated that a subsidy could not under any conditions exceed \$30,000,000 a year. Payment of government aid on all American tonnage now privately owned would cause an outlay, he added, of not more than \$5,500,000 a year.

"The statements as to the workings of the subsidy bill made in your circular," Mr. Lasker stated to Senator Capper, "are all taken from the minority house report prepared by Mr. Davis, democrat, of Tennessee—a partisan report which, everyone Washington-wise knows, was prepared for political purposes and is unjustified by the facts; your words are taken practically syllable by syllable from this partisan minority report."

HERRIN SURVIVOR TELLS OF EXECUTION AGAINST BARB WIRE

MARION, Ill., Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Robert Officer, a bookkeeper, the first survivor to testify, took the witness stand today at the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the killing of 21 non-union men at the Herrin mines.

Officer told of the attack on the "strip" mine, the raising of a flag of truce, the surrender of its defenders, the march to the power house woods, about three miles from the mine.

Lined up before a barbed wire fence, the witness said, the 47 prisoners were told they would be given a chance for their lives, and then the firing began. Fourteen bodies were afterwards found at this spot.

Officer explained that he had escaped by dropping on his face and then fleeing while the crowd was chasing some of the men who had escaped the hall of bullets.

The witness said he could identify only one man, Hugh Willis, state board member of the miners' union, who had driven up in an automobile and asked for the leaders of the crowd before the shooting.
Officer said he had seen Willis in conference with another man and that soon both had disappeared.

Holstein Cow Breaks Year's Record for Butterfat Output

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 19.—"May Walker Ollie Homestead," a Holstein cow owned by the Minnesota Holstein company at Austin, Minn., has broken the world's record for a year's production of butter, her figure for 365 days ending at midnight last night being 1,217.27 pounds of butterfat, the equivalent of 1,521.6 pounds of butter, according to A. L. Eberhart, president of the company and manager of a local packing plant.
The former record of 1,506.9 pounds of butter was held by "Duchess Skylark Ormsby," a Holstein whose death occurred in Minnesota a few years ago, according to Mr. Eberhart, who said information concerning the new record was received by telegram from V. S. Culver, secretary treasurer of the Minnesota Holstein concern at Austin.

FASCISTS AWE ITALIAN REDS WITH MEDICINE

Nitti's Son Among Victims in Turin Fighting—Hostile Attitude of Communists Starts Renewal of Conflict—Ten Slain and Buildings Fired.

TURIN, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Renewed conflicts between the fascist and the communist here have resulted in the killing of ten persons, including two of the fascist.

Not long ago the communists resumed their openly hostile attitude toward the fascist and yesterday two fascist parties were ambushed with the result that one man was killed and others wounded.

The fascist thereupon mobilized, attacked the communists and punished them according to what they judged to be their relative guilt. The punishments administered by the fascist included clubbing and giving doses of nauseous medicine.

Among the dead is Municipal Councillor Ferruto, while among the slightly wounded is Deputy V. Pagella, a Turin socialist representative.

The chamber of labor was one of the buildings fired. The blaze was put out but the building is still under fascist control.

The fascist searched several residences of communists and seized arms and ammunition.

NAPLES, Dec. 19.—Vincenzo Nititi, son of the former premier was attacked today by fascist, who charged him with assuming a provocative attitude while a band was playing the fascist anthem. Nititi's assailants were about to administer a dose of objectionable medicine when the fascist counsel, Duke Carafa, intervened, saving him from harm.

Irrigation Talks.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—Speakers at the opening session here of the 88th annual meeting of the Oregon State Drainage association declared that producers already on drained and irrigated land must be helped to insure success of the new projects. W. E. Dodson, secretary of the Oregon development board; James Kile, president of the Oregon irrigation congress and James T. Jardine, director of the Oregon experiment station, spoke along this line.

ZEALOUS ASTORIA BOOZE GUARD SEIZES AND DUMPS TYPE FOR DYNAMITE CAPS

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 19.—Blue-jackets who have been maintaining guard here since fire wiped out the business section of the city December 8, were withdrawn today and the destroyer Yarrowbrough was to leave if weather conditions permitted.

Police and citizen guards took over the patrolling of the burned area and the residence district. Details of special officers hired by the four banks whose buildings were wrecked by the fire will guard the vaults until they are opened and the contents removed. All the banks today opened in temporary quarters. Three in the courthouse and one in a building which was spared from the flames. They announced they

DAUGHERTY ACCUSERS IN KINDERMOOD

Main Prosecutor Fails to Show Up—Woodruff Tries to Back Up On Charges—Produces Alibi—Thinks Secret Service Shadowed Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In the absence of the principal prosecutor, Representative Keller, republican, Minnesota, hearings before the house judiciary committee on impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty moved forward slowly today.

Representatives Woodruff of Michigan and Johnson of South Dakota, republicans, were before the committee by invitation of Chairman Volstead, but Mr. Johnson said his charges in the house last April regarding war frauds were directed solely at the war department and Mr. Woodruff was not ready to proceed.

The Michigan member said some of the charges he might present would be of an impeachable character but added that he could not from a definite opinion until he had examined certain documents at the department of justice.

Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Woodruff said there had been a decided change in the situation since last April, when the latter charged the attorney general with failure to prosecute war fraud cases.

Mr. Woodruff said action had been begun in six of the eight or nine instances he had mentioned, while Mr. Johnson voiced the belief that considering the amount of reorganization in the department and the mass of information that had to be digested beforehand the attorney general had moved with reasonable promptness in the war fraud cases.

Questioned about reports he had been shadowed by operatives of the department of justice, Representative Woodruff told the committee he had not intended to go into that but that he had "reason to believe" that not only had he been "shadowed," but that his mail "had been interfered with," and his office entered and "documents removed."

"Whether I was 'shadowed' by one or one thousand operatives, was a matter of the utmost indifference to me," said he. "I had nothing to conceal and had they desired to read my mail I would have left it open for them."

Responding to further inquiries, Mr. Woodruff said the only evidence he had to support his belief was of a circumstantial nature and that he would not care to state it.

Mr. Johnson, questioned about the same reports, said he had heard of them, but had given Mr. Daugherty and W. J. Burns, director of the bureau of investigation, credit for "too much horse sense" to "shadow" members of congress.

Representative Johnson said the charges he had made in the house relating to war frauds had been directed at the war department and that he did not think they had any bearing on the impeachment charges against Mr. Daugherty.

"Somebody dragged me before this committee," he said, "and I am ready to furnish names of witnesses to support my charges. I will say frankly, however, that I do not believe they are

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