

The Weather

Rain tonight and Sunday.
Maximum yesterday.....36
Minimum today.....35

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1922

Weather Year Ago

Maximum.....35
Minimum.....29
Precipitation.....31

NIGHT RIDER COMMUNITY ARMED CAMP

Widow and Father of Tom
Richards Positively Identify
Murdered Son By Initials
On Belt Buckle—Bodies in
Masonic Temple Guarded
By Troops.

MEDFORD, La., Dec. 23.—The state moved again today in the Morehouse kidnapping case when Attorney General A. C. Cocco announced that an open hearing, used but once previously in this state would be instituted at Bastrop, the parish seat, on January 5. His announcement followed a conference with local officers after his arrival at Bastrop, 8 miles from here, on the state troop train that brought a machine gun company from New Orleans and an infantry company from Alexandria, as well as a car of ammunition and machine guns.

The troops established their camp on the courthouse grounds in the heart of the little town of 2500 inhabitants. One of their duties will be to guard the courthouse while the hearing is in progress.

The hearing will be equivalent to grand jury proceedings, but open to all who are privileged to come into the court and tell what they know of the kidnapping of five prominent Mer Rouge citizens last August by 50 or more masked and white-robed men and the subsequent disappearance of two of them, whose bodies, authorities are satisfied, were blown up from the bottom of Lake LaFourche yesterday by unidentified dynamiters who were believed to have been attempting to steal them.

At the hearing, it is reported, the state will submit testimony that Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, identified by relatives as the dead men, had been carried before a court of white-robed and masked men and questioned a short time before their disappearance.

Plans have not been completed for the inquest to be held over the mutilated white-robed bodies now lying under military guard at the Masonic temple here. The extent of the testimony the state will permit to be introduced before this inquest has not been announced. There is the possibility that the coroner's jury will name certain individuals as responsible for the crime. The jury also is expected to announce officially the identity of the bodies of Daniels and Richards.

Reports of ill feeling between two groups in this community since the kidnapping was fanned yesterday by the recovery of the bodies. Some relatives of Daniels and Richards are positive the men were alive before being thrown into the lake and that death resulted from strangulation.

People Go Armed.
Men are now seen driving automobiles and wagons with shotguns and rifles by their sides; weapons are strapped to their saddles when on horseback, and even at street corners revolvers are seen bulging from their hip pockets.

The Monroe troop stationed here was ordered this afternoon to break camp and entrain for Bastrop.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 23.—Attorney General Cocco this afternoon handed a warrant to Sheriff Carpenter ordering the arrest of one man in connection with the Morehouse kidnapping case.

Mayor Hylan Pleased.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mayor Hylan today wired Governor Parker of Louisiana his hearty congratulations on "your bold, vigorous fight against the Ku Klux Klan," which he characterized as a "filthy brood of venomous reptiles, squirming in an invisible empire."

"I believe," said the message, "that every man and woman, regardless of race, creed or color, owes you an undying debt of gratitude for your heroic American fight to end the infamous outrages to which the members of the Ku Klux Klan will

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Newporters to Fly From New York City To Spend Week-Ends

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—New Yorkers who spend their vacations at Newport have oversubscribed funds for establishing an airplane service for week-end trips next summer. Vincent Astor and T. Sufferin Teller are in charge of the project.

Planes will leave New York Friday and Saturday and return

Sundays and Mondays. The time

of the trip one way will be an

hour and a quarter. By train the

trip takes six hours. Newport is

225 miles from New York by train.

REFUSE ISADORA DUNCANS DANCE N. YORK CHURCH

Bishop Manning of Episcopal
Church Cancels Invitation
to Famous Dancer to Ex-
plain 'Moral Dance' Before
St Mark's Forum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Bishop W. T. Manning intervened recently to prevent Isadora Duncan, classic dancer, from appearing at the Episcopal church of St. Mark's in the Bowery, a notice to Episcopal publications from the bishop's office today revealed.

Announcement that Miss Duncan, who was scheduled to address the forum on "The moralizing effect of dancing in the human soul," would not appear Christmas eve, was made in a brief statement by Rev. Norman Guthrie, rector of the church after his original statement had created a storm of opposition.

Bishop Manning's statement read: "The bishop of New York has received letters of earnest protest from many parts of the country in regard to announcement widely published in the newspapers that a dancer whose exhibitions have aroused great criticism in many of our cities would appear and speak at St. Mark's in the Bowery, New York."

"In answer to these letters of protest Bishop Manning wishes to state that the dancer referred to will not speak at St. Mark's church nor appear professionally in any connection with the church or its services."

ILLNESS DEPRESSES CHRISTMAS CHEER IN HARDING HOUSEHOLD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Christmas at the White House will lack much of the usual spirit of times gone by because of Mrs. Harding's illness.

There will be no house guests and no Christmas. Neither the president nor Mrs. Harding has made any holiday plans. She may come down stairs in her wheel chair and preside at the table for Christmas dinner but otherwise the day will be like any other since she was taken ill.

To add a little cheer, the White House has yuletide wreaths in the windows and there will be a profusion of flowers.

As a Christmas present to the thousands of government employees, President Harding issued an executive order closing the government departments at noon today and at that hour most high officials also closed up their desks and went home.

The senate, too, joined in the early beginning of the Christmas season, holding only a short session, but the house went ahead with the consideration of appropriation bills.

WILL HAYS STANDS PAT ON DECISION

Fatty Arbuckle Will Be Given
His Chance Regardless of
Criticism From Many Parts
of Country — Federated
Churches Call On Hays for
Explanation

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 23.—Numerous criticisms against the reinstatement of Roscoe Arbuckle in filmdom will not in the least affect the decision of Will H. Hays, national motion picture mentor in granting the film comedian "a chance to come back."

Mr. Hays said here last night.

In an interview referring to the Arbuckle decision, Mr. Hays said emphatically:

"I stand on that absolutely. I have nothing to add to it and no explanations to make. I am perfectly content. My action does not mean that the pictures Arbuckle made before the trouble are to be released. It simply means he has a chance to go back into the profession and make good if he can."

"Every man in the right way and at the right time is entitled to his chance to make good. It is apparent Roscoe Arbuckle's conduct since his trouble merits a chance. So far as I am concerned there will be no suggestion now that he should not have his opportunity to go to work in his profession."

Mr. Hays passed through Topeka last night on his way east.

Federated Churches Act.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, general secretary of the federal council of the churches of Christ in America, today made public a letter to Will H. Hays, head of the motion picture industry, calling for an explanation why, he as a member of Mr. Hays' "committee on public relations," was not consulted about the reinstatement of Roscoe Arbuckle, who figured in the party that resulted in the death of Virginia Rappé.

Mr. MacFarland, as general secretary of the church federation, is a member of the executive committee of the committee on public relations which Mr. Hays organized recently from various religious and civic organizations to aid him in putting the movies on a higher plane.

His letter, besides raising the point of why he was not consulted, declared that "unfortunately the impression has gained ground that this is due to pressure of financial interests invested in Arbuckle pictures."

Mr. MacFarland quoted the following telegram from the St. Louis federation of churches:

"St. Louis church people are incensed over the proposal of Will H. Hays on behalf of moving picture interests to bring Arbuckle back into the films. Strong supporting resolutions will undoubtedly be passed in St. Louis by denominational ministerial bodies, by ministerial alliance, and by church federation. Is federal council taking action?"

"The enclosed telegram," his letter said, "is merely an indication, in my judgment, of the general expressions which are coming and will continue to come from our religious and moral forces relative to your decision in the Arbuckle matter."

"May I raise the question as to why there was no consultation whatever with persons representing the church whose cooperation you have sought? It would seem as though this would have been a matter on which above all you have wanted counsel and advice from people who represent these large bodies reflecting so wide an area of public opinion."

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Bandits today invaded the Minneapolis downtown district, staged two daring jewelry store robberies within a half a block of each other and fled with about \$25,000 in cash, diamonds and jewelry. The first robbery was at the I. R. Weisman Jewelry company store where the bandits got \$12,000 in jewelry and \$150 in cash after binding a clerk, and the second was at the Harry Rush Jewelry store, where they scooped up between \$11,000 and \$12,000 in diamonds.

Latest Men Fashions in Czecho-Slovakia



It's come—when the women began to wear mannish attire, breeches and such things, there were some who predicted that the cycle would be completed when the men began to wear skirts and petticoats. This picture tells the sad tale, mates. The costumes seen here are the latest thing in men's attire for social functions and weddings.

SANTA CLAUS AND ANGELS CONDEMNED BY SOVIET CHIEFS

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Santa Claus is apt to find Christmas little to his liking in the principal cities and towns of soviet Russia this year; in fact, to the young communist he will be "persona non grata."

Members of that organization, contending that Christmas and St. Nicholas are both worn out myths have forbidden the Russian celebration of Christmas. They have further decided that the singing of Christmas carols shall be dispensed with and the figure of an angel may not be displayed on a Christmas tree appearing in public.

Instead the celebration plans call for torchlight processions, masked balls, dinner parties and gay theater performances day and night, together with various forms of amusement designed to suppress and offset any religious ceremonies.

The young communists contend that Christmas legends have fooled children and their elders long enough that they should know better.

CHRISTMAS TRADE IN N. Y. BREAKS RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Holiday buying in New York has broken all records. This sum represents an increase of 15 to 20 per cent over last year.

The Noted Dead

DENVER, Dec. 23.—Dr. Charles A. Powers, widely known surgeon, president of the American Society for Control of Cancer, dropped dead in the University club here this afternoon.

Dr. Powers was 64 years old. He was one of the most widely known surgeons in the country, had served in France during the world war and was to have been given the distinguished service medal next Tuesday in connection with his surgical work in the war zone where he specialized in the surgical treatment of faces, mutilated by war wounds.

Physicians ascribed Dr. Powers' death to apoplexy.

No Paper Christmas Day.
As usual there will be no issue of the Mail Tribune on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th. The special Christmas edition of the Medford Sun will be issued tomorrow.

Aged Domestic Falls 5 Stories Thru Sky Light; Not Injured

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 23.—Although Mrs. Sarah Grigsby, an aged domestic, fell five stories from a hotel window and plunged through a skylight today, she was but slightly injured.

Mrs. Grigsby said she fell while walking in her sleep.

The skylight is of wire netting and glass and aided in breaking her fall.

MURDER CHARGE FILED AGAINST PORTLAND PAIR

Cash Weir and Son Are
Charged With Death of
Unknown Girl in Houseboat
Last September — Mrs.
Leary Gives Details.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—Application for a writ of habeas corpus was made today by Cash Weir's attorney, and District Attorney Stanley Myers immediately ordered his deputies to file a charge of first degree murder against Cash Weir and a charge of accessory after the fact against his son, Earl Weir, basing these charges on allegations made by Mrs. Hele Leary that Cash Weir, veteran river man, had slain an unidentified 15 year old girl in his houseboat here September 23 last and that Earl Weir had aided his father in disposing of the body. Hearing on the writ application was set for this afternoon in circuit court.

Earl Weir was subjected to a severe grilling last night and early today, but police did not obtain any definite statement from him, they announced.

Police and district attorney's deputies were still unable today to obtain any information concerning the identity of the alleged victim. Mrs. Leary has furnished them with a detailed description which she has repeatedly given without variation. According to this the girl was rather chunky, weighing around 120 pounds and five feet three inches tall. She had brown hair, not lobbed.

Mrs. Leary said the girl told her she was "born and raised" in Portland.

She also said that her mother and father were living in Portland and two brothers also here. She said that she had a married sister living in Washington.

LIGHTNER GETS A LIGHT SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—Dave Lightner, convicted at one trial of conspiracy to smuggle narcotics and liquor and at another of conspiracy to violate the federal narcotics and liquor laws, received two sentences of eighteen months each in federal penitentiary today, the sentences to run concurrently. The sentences imposed today were by Federal Judge Dietrich of Boise, Idaho, who sat at Lightner's second trial here.

Sentence for Lightner's conviction in his first trial is yet to be passed by Federal Judge R. S. Bean before whom he was tried and Judge Dietrich said in giving the 18 month sentence, that it was "a trifle lenient," but that he was influenced by the fact that Judge Bean could adjust punishment in the second sentence, and also by the fact he understood federal officers intended to deport Lightner when his sentences expire.

DOORN, Holland, Dec. 23.—The former German emperor has sold to a London and New York company the world rights in what he describes as the first official photograph of his recent wedding. The price paid was \$10,000.

The picture shows the former emperor in the uniform of a field marshal. Prince Hermine is wearing the famous diadem, wedding gift of her

JUDGE GARY OPPOSED TO 12 HOUR DAY

Head of Steel Trust Finally
Yields to Demand and Also
Declares 8-Hour Day So-
cially Right, But Economi-
cally Disastrous at Present
Time.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Eventual abolishment of the 12 hour day in the steel industry is hoped for by Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation, but Germany and France are going back to the two shifts a day system and there is agitation to the same end in England in order to compete with American steel, he said today in an interview authorized by him.

The steel corporation did reduce its 12 hour workers to 14 per cent, but to adopt generally the eight hour day would, Mr. Gary said, entail staggering losses or an increase in steel prices which would be a bad thing for the steel industry and the country.

The practice of "Pittsburg plus," that is, basing the price of steel on the cost plus freight from Pittsburg to destination, instead of retarding development of the middle west, would see more steel plants open in that territory than without the system, he said. "Pittsburg plus," he asserted, was a stabilizer by giving both buyer and seller a definite base on which to figure prices.

Can't Pay Dividends
"We are not making enough now to pay our dividends on common stock," Judge Gary said. "They are paid in part from surplus. With such an added expense as the eight hour day must necessarily entail, we would face staggering losses or an increase in prices which would be likely to have a most depressing effect upon all building and many other lines of industry."

Germany and France are going back to the 12 hour day because they must produce and compete with us. There is agitation in England to the same end. In brief, it comes down to this: The price of a complete change to the eight hour day would be more than business would pay. Economically and socially it is right. Economically it is not feasible now. Eventually we hope to bring it about."

More labor is needed and Judge Gary advocated increased immigration but with stricter regard for quality than quantity.

"Also adjustments in price levels are needed," he said. "Our workmen are not getting more than they need. Some workmen are getting more than their share. Carpenters at \$10 a day or more, bricklayers and painters at \$14 a day up are helping to keep up the cost of necessities which the laborer must pay. If I had the power to adjust all price levels reasonably, with profit to all, I could install the eight hour day without raising the price of steel a cent and without real hardship to anyone."

Occasional Rains

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

Pacific states—Generally fair in southern California, general cloudiness and occasional rains elsewhere. Normal temperature.

Blast Kills Rancher

TACOMA, Dec. 23.—Karl Hockenbacher, 66, a rancher living near here was severely injured by a premature blast yesterday while clearing stumps on his land and died while being hurried to a local hospital.

EX-KAISER SELLS OFFICIAL PHOTO OF RECENT WEDDING FOR \$10,000 CASH

It is understood that Wilhelm was considerably annoyed when he learned of the profits that had been made from the sale of his portrait by official and unauthorized photographers, and this consideration together with a desire to augment his income, induced him to make the sale.

Elaborate and extensive preparations are being made at Doorn castle for the Christmas season.

CO-ED POLICEMAN SAYS TOO MANY GIRLS HAVE CREPE DE CHINE SOULS

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—Amelia Sorenson, who graduated in sociology from the University of Washington last June and who is 24 years old, is a Seattle policewoman, on guard in one of several dance halls whose operations are being investigated by a grand jury.

Miss Sorenson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Svan Sorenson, live at Ellensburg, Wash., became a policewoman in September by ranking highest in a competitive examination.

Some of her conclusions from her experience are:

"The trouble with most of these girls is crepe de chine soul. They can't endure cotton next to their skins. I must have pretty things myself to be happy, and I know what makes the girls I work with stoop to things they do."

"A woman's best weapon is sympathy. It is the only one she carries on her cabinet beat where she is on duty from eight until midnight."