

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	49
Minimum today	34
Precipitation	.09

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1922

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	43
Minimum	36
Precipitation	.04

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RAISE HUGE FUND TO AID K. K. MAYOR

Friends of Alleged Leader of Mer Rouge Outrage Subscribe \$100,000—May Engage Clarence Darrow—Details of Double Murder Are Leaking Out.

MONROE, La., Dec. 29.—Sheriff Fred Carpenter of Morehouse parish today declared there would be arrests in the Morehouse kidnapping investigation upon the return of the federal investigators who were in New Orleans yesterday attending a conference with state officials.

"I have no warrants as yet, but these are to be placed in my hands within the next few days as I understand that the chain of evidence has been completed," the sheriff said.

Sheriff Carpenter said that while 45 citizens might be involved in the plot he did not believe this many were actual participants in the kidnapping of the Mer Rouge citizens and the death of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards.

Friends of Dr. B. M. McKoin in the fifth congressional district of Louisiana where a year ago he was president of the Medical Association, continued to offer their assistance with pledges of financial and moral support. Although most of the proffered came from physicians it is stated that plans are under way to raise \$100,000 as a general fund to be used to provide bail, to aid him in his flight to prevent extradition and as a means of defense, should he be brought back to Louisiana to stand trial.

Dr. McKoin is charged with murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnapping.

Friends of Dr. McKoin are considering retaining Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, as an attorney for his defense.

Some of the best law firms of the south have been made attractive offers and it is predicted the defense will present a brilliant array of legal talent. Darrow defended "Big Bill" Haywood, and other I. W. W. cases and also the McNamara brothers, convicted of dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building.

When the plan started many Mer Rouge men joined. Mayor Dade of Mer Rouge, brother-in-law of Watt Daniels, was one of them. He quit in disgust months ago. But the one adventurous character of the Mer Rouge kluge was destined to bring down more ignominy on his benefactors than he could hope to offset in negotiable returns. This was B. M. McKoin, always spoken of with a determined click of the teeth as "Doc" McKoin. The plan was no mere social diversion to him. He caught the spirit with the same zest and appetite as Old Skip.

Mysterious Notices Are Sent
"You can call me anything you want to, call me Hicks," said a Mer Rouge man, "because after this thing has blown over I won't be here. I hope the plan gets busted to hell-and-gone, but even if it does there is going to be plenty of trouble. And if it don't you can bet that even the moss on the trees is going to be dyed red."

"I joined the klux, I couldn't tell why. Some of us just did. We knew there was good men in it and it seemed all right, I guess."

"After the first meeting we put on our hoods and robes. Then we went winding through the woods. You know you can go for miles through those moss tree woods without ever seeing a soul. And then trees have long, spooky looking moss on them and the moonlight kind of trickled down through the trees and danced on the hoods and robes of the klux."

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St. Louis Has Canary Bird That Can Sing "Yankee Doodle"

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—A canary bird which whistles "Yankee Doodle," as true as any human whistler could hope to accomplish, is attracting attention at the poultry and bird show. The bird is owned by Mrs. J. J. Connors, who says it is the most accomplished singing canary in the United States. She values its voice at \$1,000.

STORMS SWEEP COUNTRY FROM COAST TO COAST

New York Digs Out of Blizzard While Oregon Is Deluged With Rain—Willamette River Reaches Its Highest Point of Year.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Eastern and southern Oregon were swept yesterday by a rain and wind storm which brought the Willamette river up to the highest point of the year at several points.

Rain, followed by a heavy wind storm, swept Umatilla county yesterday evening and lines of communication were torn down. Window panes were reported smashed in some of the towns of the county but no serious damage was done. The Umatilla river was rising rapidly and all creeks were flowing full.

At Albany the Willamette river reached the highest point of the winter when it went to the thirteen foot mark. Heavy rains were responsible but the storm had ceased and the weather was colder, which was expected to check any further rise.

At Medford and vicinity an unusual amount of rain fell this week. More than 1.27 inches fell during the past few days of which .75 of an inch came in Tuesday night's downpour. Further rain was predicted for today.

At Salem, the Willamette river reached the highest stage since the flood of November, 1921. The river had risen 13.3 feet since Tuesday, December 19.

The southerly blow of Wednesday at the entrance to the Columbia river quieted down during the night and yesterday registered 26 miles an hour, but dropped to a gale of 15 miles at noon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Thousands of volunteer snow handlers were called to the shovels today to help dig New York City out of its first big storm of the season—a blizzard of snow and sleet, which starting yesterday under moderate temperatures, became overnight an icy gale which threatened to paralyze all transportation. The storm took its toll of hundreds of injured.

From early last night until day break hospital ambulances were bringing in pedestrians with broken arms, fractured legs or cracked skulls, who had fallen on the ice covered streets. Most hospitals were crowded to capacity. Two persons were reported to have been killed in falls.

The wind reached high velocities. Combined with the unaccustomed burden of snow, it worked havoc with above ground power and telephone lines; street car transmission cables, roofs of buildings and large trees.

Lives of pedestrians in some sections were endangered by falling signs, tumbling chimneys and smokestacks. Thousands of dollars of damage were believed to have been sustained on Long and Staten islands.

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Lovers Who Murdered Husband Must Hang; Wife's Last Appeal Denied



LONDON.—Mrs. Edith Thompson, 29, found guilty with her lover, Frederick Bywaters, of causing the death of her husband, Percy Thompson, must die on the scaffold. The Lord Chief Justice has so ruled in denying the appeal of Bywaters and Mrs. Thompson. The condemned woman, who admitted frequent attempts to poison her husband, is about to become a mother. On this ground it was expected leniency would be shown her and life imprisonment substituted for the death sentence. It was held that the state had no right to execute an unborn babe by sending the mother to the scaffold.

One last hope of life remains to the guilty pair—appeal to the Home Secretary. If the death sentence is revoked, it will be on the ground of Mrs. Thompson's delicate condition, for the English, both men and women, have expressed no sympathy for her.

Bywaters stabbed Thompson after ground glass fed him by Mrs. Thompson had failed to take effect.

HIGHWAY COM'N REDUCES COSTS \$170,000 YEAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Reduction of expenses of the state highway commission by \$170,000 during the coming year, due to reduction in the operating force, was announced at a meeting of the commission today by Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn. An additional reduction of \$4000 a month in salary was recommended by Nunn, and was expected to be provided by the commission.

Commissioners John B. Yeon and W. B. Barratt, who conducted today's session in the absence of Chairman R. A. Booth, confined to his home at Eugene by illness, said that the announced reductions were part of the retrenchment policy, which has been followed throughout the past year, and were made possible by the completion of many projects, eliminating several district engineers.

They said the reductions were not made because the present commissioners were stepping out of office with the incoming of the new state administration at the first of the year. The commissioners present today said they would stay on the job a reasonable length of time to initiate new members to be appointed by Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce and to assist the state legislature in deliberations on highway matters.

HEAD MORRIS BROS. DIES IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Fred S. Morris, financier in this city for the past thirty years died at a hospital early this morning. He was formerly president of Morris Brothers, Inc., bond house here, and built two local railroad lines as well as having railroad interests in the east. A brother, James Morris, is a banker in Philadelphia.

TOO MANY 'ISMS' IN U. S. A., SAYS OLCOTT

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 28.—Gov. Ben W. Olcott of Oregon, on the way home from the conference of governors at White Sulphur Springs, W. V., has stopped here with his wife and three children to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Olcott. Discussing general conditions, Governor Olcott declared the nation at present is too full of "isms" and unrest.

NEAR EAST PEACE CONFERENCE IS ON BRINK OF FAILURE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The hasty return of the British fleet to Constantinople from Malta attracts wide attention here. Nothing is forthcoming from official sources to explain the move, but the obvious assumption that it is connected with the uncompromising attitude of the Turks at Lausanne is everywhere adopted. There are still many foreigners in Constantinople and the dispatch of the warships is regarded as a necessary precaution in view of the possible attitude of the Turks in that city in the event that there is a breakdown in the Lausanne negotiations.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—The Near-East peace conference stood today on the verge of failure. The danger of a breakup facing it from several causes, chiefly over the ownership of the Mosul oil fields and the question of the capitulations.

The allies are stressing the capitulation issue, taking a firm stand against the subjection of foreigners in Turkey to the jurisdiction of the Turkish courts and insisting that special courts with foreign judges sitting in them must pass upon cases in which foreigners are involved.

The Turks are strongly resisting what they declare to be the invasion of Turkish sovereignty that would thus be brought about, but their delegates insist that it is not the question of capitulations that presents the gravest danger of a conference failure. The oil issue, they declare, is the real one on which the allies are prepared to make a stand.

HILL HEIRS LAW FOR HISTORIC HOME

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—Heirs of James J. Hill, "the empire builder," and his wife, have taken definite steps to bring suit against Louis W. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern railway, in an attempt to take from him North Oaks farm, the historic country home established by his father near St. Paul. It was learned here today from authoritative sources.

Missing Boys Found.
BRIDAL VEIL, Ore., Dec. 29.—Three boys who were being sought by researchers on Larch mountain, near here, arrived here this afternoon.

MOONSHINE IN MARSHFIELD IS MURDER CAUSE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 29.—L. W. Pearce, a rancher, aged 57, was held at the county jail today on a charge of killing his wife and a neighbor yesterday, the double tragedy, according to officers, having been due to Pearce becoming crazy drunk on moonshine whiskey. Pearce choked his wife to death at their home fourteen miles south of Myrtle Point, killed all his cats and dogs and then went to the home of James Culver, a bachelor, shot and wounded Culver, beat him and then blew his head off, according to sheriff's officers.

Hiram Stevens, another neighbor, told officers that Pearce then came to his home, but Stevens overpowered him and held him tied for hours until the officers arrived. Pearce was sober today and apparently sane, officers said and they could learn of no reason for his acts of yesterday except that he became violent after drinking the liquor.

HARDING TO PARDON 12 WAR PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Harding expects to sign tomorrow commutation of sentences of twelve or more "political" prisoners, it was said today by a White House spokesman. There will, however, be no "general amnesty" it was added.

The commutations it was explained, will be in the nature of a New Year's gift. Just prior to Christmas the president granted three commutations but these were not for offenders against war time laws.

REPORT BERGDOLL CAUGHT, FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 29.—Picked from a train as a hobo, police today are holding a man believed to be Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the Philadelphia draft dodger. The man gave his name as Bill Jones and his home as Erie, Pa. Police sent finger prints to Washington today and will hold him until an investigation is made.

Pocket Typewriter Is New Invention of Philadelphia Man

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 29.—A tiny typewriter weighing one ounce and fitting in a vest pocket was brought by Dr. H. E. Wetherell of Philadelphia to the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He devised it for his own use.

Held between the fingers and upon the paper, the machine writes by means of a wheel equipped with rubber letters which special devices bring in contact with the paper. Dr. Wetherell said the operation of the typewriter was slow in the hands of a beginner but that an experienced writer could obtain 17 words a minute. It is almost noiseless.

BORAH, ON WORD OF LODGE, WITH DRAWS AMEND'T

Idaho Senator On Receiving Formal Assurance Naval Amendment Would Embarrass Administration Agrees to Call Fight Off.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Advised by administration leaders that his naval bill amendment for an economic conference would be "harmful" to the administration's negotiations to aid in the European economic situation, Senator Borah, Idaho, late today said in the senate that he would withdraw it.

Senator Borah later announced privately that he would hold his amendment in abeyance, possibly to add to a later bill if such action should become necessary.

After Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, had stated that the administration has sent out "feelers" with a view to action in European economic affairs, Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations commission added that for several months American ambassadors and ministers in Europe had been seeking information as to what the United States could do to aid Europe in an economic way.

Senator Borah asked Senator Lodge if he believed the Borah proposal would be embarrassing to the administration's negotiations. Senator Lodge replied that it would be "harmful" and Senator Borah said: "Well, then, on the statement of the chairman of the foreign relations committee, I am willing to withdraw my resolution."

Senator Borah struck back at Senator Johnson and other irreconcilables opposing his plan, declaring that every "so-called irreconcilable" had always stood in favor of conferences, although against any permanent obligations such as the league would entail.

"If the situation in Europe be such that we can be disinterested and can escape the consequences of conditions there," said Senator Borah, "then I can well understand the position of those who oppose any consideration of the situation. But it is such that the United States must be interested, not only from a humanitarian but from an economic standpoint."

"I take it from the president's letter that was conceded, that the president was giving careful consideration to the entire subject. I also understood from the senator from Massachusetts, Mr. Lodge, that actual negotiations were going on as to how we could adjust those conditions."

Senator Borah said his mind was open regarding procedure, but he believed open procedure was the best, declaring that "secrecy or diplomatic" conference could not have attained the naval limitation results of the

JAPANESE CABINET CONDEMNED BY PRIVY COUNCIL, 1ST TIME IN HISTORY

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—The privy council today passed a resolution condemning the policy of the Kato cabinet. Such action is unprecedented in the history of Japanese politics.

HEAD LEMP BREWING CO. IS SUICIDE

Prominent St. Louis Brewer Shoots Himself—Third Suicide in Family in Last Few Years—Financial Losses Due to Dry Law Believed Cause of Self-Destruction.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—William J. Lemp, president of the William J. Lemp Brewing company committed suicide today by shooting himself through the heart. It was the third suicide in the family of the famous brewers, his father and sister having taken their own lives.

The William J. Lemp Brewing company, just before the advent of prohibition was considered as one of the largest brewing concerns in the world and was valued at \$7,000,000. It was sold at auction last June to five different interests for a total of \$285,000. Lemp had been downcast since it was said, as he had hoped to get a much larger price for the property.

Lemp appeared at his office at 9 a. m. today as usual, it was stated, and shortly thereafter Henry Vohlkamp, vice-president of the company, arrived and greeted Lemp—"Well, how do you feel today?"

"Oh, I'm feeling worse," Vohlkamp said Lemp replied. Vohlkamp stated Lemp had been extremely nervous for the past several months. Vohlkamp said he went to his office when Lemp's secretary, Miss Olivia Berachek, arrived. Miss Berachek explained Lemp sent her presently on an errand to another part of the building. She had only a short way, she added, when she heard two shots.

Lemp was found lying on his back, a 38 caliber revolver near his right hand. A physician pronounced him dead. Lemp's father, also William J., head of the brewery during the height of its prosperity, shot and killed himself February 13, 1904 at the age of 67. His sister, Mrs. Elva Wright, committed suicide by shooting March 20, 1920.

Lemp's son, William J. J. 25, was notified and rushed to his father's side. He knelt and cried, "You know I know. I was afraid this was coming."

He declined to explain the remark. Lemp was the third and last head of the Lemp Brewing company, and up to the time prohibition was in effect, he was interested in ice and cold storage enterprises in El Paso, Dallas and Temple, Texas, and other cities.

TWO IRISH CONSULS SIT IN N. Y. OFFICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—An amicable arrangement which precludes violence, but permits picketing, was in effect today at the Irish consulate here, which has been besieged by Irish republicans since Wednesday night when Lindsay Crawford, free state consul, took over the office.

Robert Briscoe, who claims he is a member of the Irish army, occupied one room of the offices for the republicans and Mr. Crawford sat at a desk in another room representing the free state.

It was indicated that this arrangement would prevail until the matter is settled in the courts.

Washington conference and that similar exchanges now on economic problems would be unavailing. The conference in Europe which have failed, he said were not of the character he proposed in which force of public opinion could be experienced.

"I have believed that the negotiations now going on," he said, "were designed to accomplish the same thing as I have proposed and that it was simply a difference of opinion as to the methods."

SENATOR BURSUM OFFERS BILL TO LOAN GERMANY A BILLION DOLLARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Extension of credits to Germany up to a maximum of a billion dollars for use in buying foodstuffs in the United States is proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, and referred to the finance committee.

The bill, which Senator Bursum said was framed on "sound business lines," would authorize the secretary of the treasury to pay American pro-

ducers of foodstuffs for their commodities purchased by the German government. Germany in return, would place as securities bonds secured by industrial obligations and repay the amount loaned within ten years and in the meantime pay interest at five per cent.

The credits to be extended might amount to fifty million dollars a month. The American treasury department would issue bonds to cover the credits.