

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	42
Minimum today	37 1/2
Precipitation	.02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	48
Minimum	37
Precipitation	.04

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U. S. A. READY TO JUMP IN PEACE CONF.

Although Watchfully Waiting, Harding Administration Will Act if Conference Threatens to Break Up—Ambassador Herrick to Follow Events Closely.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, has arrived in Paris from Cannes and with Roland W. Borden, American representative with the reparations commission, will watch developments closely during the premier's conference and keep Secretary of State Hughes well informed of the progress made.

Although the United States is without an observer at the premier's meeting, it is in close touch with the French foreign office and the visiting delegations will be kept informed through the usual diplomatic channels and the reparations observers so that the state department, in accordance with the instructions, will be able to follow events closely.

It was reiterated today that although the attitude of the American government would be one of watchful waiting, any definite indication that the conference was breaking up might provoke some expression from Washington.

It was said in American circles just before the conference opened that the indications were that some compromise would be reached, preserving the allied accord on reparations. Such a compromise, it was thought, might take the line of strictly economic guarantees in return for a moratorium for Germany and probably include an agreement on a reduction of the total indemnity.

British Plan Offered
PARIS, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British reparations plan as presented at the conference of premiers today fixes the primary obligation of Germany in the form of fifty billion gold marks 32-year bonds, bearing no interest for four years, four per cent for the next four years and five per cent thereafter.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare held a preliminary conversation with Prime Minister Bonar Law at the Crillon hotel today. They discussed the Near East situation and the reparations questions.

Although the visit was characterized as a courtesy call, M. Poincare remained at the hotel for 35 minutes. Lord Curzon joined the ministers spending 25 minutes with them. He left later to take a train for Lausanne.

It is understood that the ministers agreed that France and Great Britain should maintain a united front in the Near East conference in the face of the Turkish attitude.

French Agree to Moratorium
PARIS, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare of France offered at today's conference of allied leaders a proposal for a reduction of German reparations to 50 billion gold marks.

The French plan offers a two year moratorium, but it exacts productive guarantees to insure the resumption of payments later by the Germans.

Under the French plan the class C bonds would be used to extinguish the inter-allied debts.

TURKS CLAIM INSURRECTION IN OIL FIELDS AGAINST BRITISH CONTROL

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—Official announcement that an insurrection had broken out at Mosul, in the kingdom of Iraq, was received here from Angora today. The telegram said that the inhabitants of the entire oil producing region were demanding annexation of the territory to Turkey.

Dispatches from London yesterday, chronicling the revolt in Mosul, reported that the hangars of the British air force had been burned.

The British government, through its spokesmen at the Lausanne conference, has insisted upon its right to the rich Mosul oil fields, jurisdiction over which is claimed by Turkey.

During the past few weeks there have been several reports of threatened insurrections in the territory, for which London has held the Turks partially responsible.

It was stated in official circles this afternoon that no confirmation of the report that an uprising had taken place in Mosul had been received. It was pointed out that the source of the report—Angora through Constantinople, was sufficient to characterize it as one of the numerous rumors which might be expected to be forthcoming daily until a settlement of the Near East question was reached.

Mosul is in constant touch with Baghdad by wireless. It was commented and any disturbances would be reported to London immediately.

Motor Busses Need Not Pay City Tax Says Supreme Ct.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Motor busses and stages operating under licenses of the state public service commission need not pay additional taxes to cities through which they pass on their regularly scheduled route, the state supreme court ruled today in reversing the decision of Circuit Judge Campbell, of Clackamas county, before whom E. W. Dent was convicted of violating a city ordinance of Oregon City.

Dent, who was operating a state licensed stage between Portland and Salem, was cited for failure to pay the city tax on stages using the streets of Oregon City through which city he passed on his licensed schedule.

WM. R. McCORD, OREGON PIONEER, DIES, ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 2.—William Rankin McCord, who crossed the plains in a prairie schooner in 1850 to settle in Oregon, died today at the soldiers' home here, aged 92. He had been in the home two years.

McCord helped build the first steamboat launched on the Willamette. He invented the small shell fish wheel in use on the Columbia river and for years was engaged in fishing operations on the Columbia. He helped subdue the Indians in the Yakima Indian war.

McCord was brother-in-law of the late Harvey W. Scott, pioneer editor of Portland, and of Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway, who was known as "the mother of suffrage in Oregon."

Two daughters and a son survive: Mrs. F. R. Archer of Stella, Wash., Mrs. P. B. Huff of Tacoma and James C. McCord of Portland.

The state highway commission not long ago changed the name of Pierce creek, flowing into the Columbia river, to McCord creek, in his honor.

PIERCE BUTLER IS GIVEN TWO OATHS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—After a three weeks' recess, the supreme court met today and began the delivery of opinions as soon as Assistant Justice Pierce Butler had been inducted into office. Although he had taken the "ironclad" oath to support and defend the constitution before Justice Booth at St. Paul on December 26, Justice Butler was sworn in today by Chief Justice Taft with a combination "ironclad" and "judicial" oath.

Ordinarily the court proceedings cover only the administering of the "judicial oath" to "do equal justice to the rich and poor and to faithfully and impartially administer justice." The "ironclad" generally taken outside, not being repeated.

Owsley in San Francisco.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Col. Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, arrived here today from southern California for a day's visit. He was presented with the key of the city by Mayor Rolph and made an address to legion members and the chamber of commerce at the commercial club. He will make an address in Oakland tonight and will depart immediately afterward for Portland.

OREGON JONES IS CAPTURED IN WYOMING TOWN

Alleged Hold-up Artist, Who Broke Grants Pass Jail, Reported Under Arrest, Evanston, Wyoming—Pal Is Also Caught.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 2.—Oregon Jones and Ellsworth Kelly, who escaped two weeks ago from the county jail here, have been captured at Evanston, Wyo., according to word received by the sheriff. The two men were held here in connection with the robbery of half a dozen tourist parties on the Pacific highway near Grants Pass last summer.

Oregon Jones, with his brother Dewey, were held and indicted by the Josephine county grand jury for the robbery and hold up of a tourist party on Sexton mountain last September, while a storm was approaching. Sheriff Terrill of this county suspected that the pair were implicated in the robbery of eight local people last October, when they were bundled from their own cars, into another one, driven to Blackwell Hill, and searched. Sprague Reigel of Gold Hill, William Schultz and Walter Smith of this city, were among the victims. The party was left stranded on the lonely hill.

In the investigation that followed the arrest of the Joneses, it developed that they had a reform school and prison record.

Kelly was held for a minor criminal offense, and when the break came, Dewey Jones refused to escape. He went out of the jail with his kin, but when the party separated in the getaway, he rushed for the sheriff's home, instead of freedom.

CHIEF TIMOTHY AND BOY FIND BOOZE

Chief Timothy scoured the Bear creek jungles last night accompanied by a high school boy in search of a cache of booze, discovered three quarts of moonshine. Four high school boys discovered a considerable quantity of moonshine along the creek bottom yesterday afternoon and hid part of it.

As a result of one of the boys coming home in an intoxicated condition the chief was called and the boy accompanied him on the quest. Three quarts of the liquor were discovered on the search, but as tracks in the mud showed, some one had stolen the rest of the "white lightning" which the boys had hidden.

JUDGE C. M. THOMAS ASSUMES OFFICE

Attorney Charles M. Thomas of this city assumed the judicial robes for the district of Jackson and Josephine counties Monday, the oath of office being administered by the county clerk. Judge Thomas held court in Grants Pass today. The grand jury meets there January 6th. The only other change in the county official family was the swearing in of George Alfred, county commissioner.

In Ashtland and this city tonight, new city councils will be sworn in. Governor Walter M. Pierce will take office next Monday, January 8th, and not yesterday, as generally supposed.

DENIES RUMOR THAT SANDIFER WILL QUIT

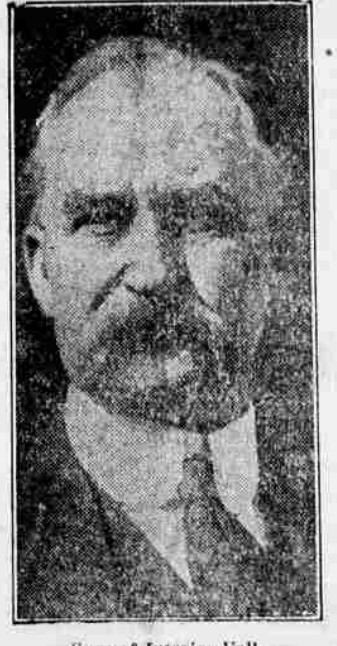
The county court will hold its first meeting of 1923 Wednesday, and three important items of routine business will be transacted. The jury list for 1923 will be drawn, county road supervisors named, and the clerks of election appointed for the coming year. This work is expected to take three or four days.

A persistent rumor has been in circulation for several days that S. B. Sandifer, prohibition enforcement officer for this county, was to be displaced by D. M. Lowe, at this meeting. Judge Gardner, over the telephone, this morning stated that as far as "I know such a move is not contemplated. The last time I saw Sandifer he was doing his duty."

Sec'y. Interior Fall Will Resign March 4, Refuses Supreme Ct.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary Fall of the interior department will resign his office on March 4, it was announced today at the White House.

It was said Mr. Fall's retirement was due to the pressure of private business interests which he felt



Sec'y of Interior Fall.

should be given a greater degree of personal attention than has been possible while he has been a member of the cabinet.

President Harding was said to regret that Secretary Fall found it necessary to retire and to have tendered him a place on the supreme court. He replied that his decision to leave public life was unchangeable.

The question of a successor to Secretary Fall is expected to be left open for some time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary Fall declared in a statement today that after retiring from the cabinet next March 4, he would go to his ranch in New Mexico for a brief rest before taking up his private business affairs. He characterized as false reports that he was resigning to become legal counsel for an oil company. He declared himself as undecided as to what he would do beyond devoting attention to his ranch and cattle business.

PENN GOVERNOR IS DISCOURAGED OVER PROHIBITION LAW

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—Governor Sprout told the members of the Pennsylvania legislature today that "it is a patent fact that the prohibition enforcement laws, federal and state, are not working well in Pennsylvania." The governor, who goes out of office in two weeks, and delivered his final message to the legislature in person, said that some people are inclined to blame this condition upon the state's own enforcement law, and yet the fact remains that in other states which have the kind of laws which these critics demand, the results are no better.

"In New York and New Jersey, where the type of laws which are desired here have been enacted," Governor Sprout said, "the disregard for prohibition is certainly fully as much in evidence as it is in Pennsylvania. Even in states which have had prohibition for years, there has been much more illicit trade in intoxicating liquors than before the passage of the federal enforcement act. Here in Pennsylvania, our law has worked very well where local prosecuting officers are in sympathy with it. In all sections, however, convictions have been most difficult to secure and public sentiment seems strangely inert and indifferent."

The situation is said to be most discouraging and dangerous and "is particularly menacing in a free land."

"Bootlegging has become a business of astounding proportions," the governor declared, "and undoubtedly much of the banditry and crime which are now harassing the country have their genesis in the school of outlawry fostered by the illegal trade in intoxicants. We are rearing a fine brood of criminals which it will require stern measures to suppress."

HEAVY GALE AT ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 2.—The Oregon coast was swept today by a gale which reached sixty miles an hour at the mouth of the Columbia. Wireless operators on tugs and the county guard cutter Algonquin were in touch with vessels, but no distress had been reported this morning.

2,000 Filipinos Burned Out

MANILA, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Fire in the municipality of Navotas, a suburb of Manila, today destroyed 400 nipa shacks, leaving 2,000 natives homeless.

KLAN WITNESS LOUISIANA CASE CAN'T BE FOUND

Time Keeper at Carbon Plant Disappears—Officials Suspect Kidnaping—Cavalry Is Ordered to Entrain for Morehouse Parish.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—The decision as to whether Dr. B. M. McKoin, wanted in Louisiana for alleged complicity in the murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards of Morehouse parish by a hooded mob, will make a fight against extradition, will be left with the former mayor of Mer Rouge, Robert R. Carman, counsel for the accused physician, said today.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 2.—Authorities today continued the search for Harold Teegerstrom, acting keeper at a Spyker, La., carbon plant, and regarded as a prospective witness in the forthcoming state investigation into masked band depredations ending in the kidnaping and slaying of Watt Daniels and Thomas Fletcher Richards of Mer Rouge.

One of the investigators stated last night to newspapermen that he had positive information that the carbon worker was kidnaped.

Teegerstrom disappeared from the company plant Friday night immediately after he responded to a mysterious summons. Sunday, according to information brought to the sheriff's office here he appeared at the home of a friend, Henry Jones, a sawmill operator, borrowed \$40, left a watch to be turned over to a brother who lives at Lamkin and the keys to the company's office, and announced he was "leaving." Since then all trace of him has been lost, at least so far as is known.

The plant where Teegerstrom was working is the same one in which T. J. Burnett, now held in jail on a charge of murder, was employed. Burnett is alleged to have been implicated in the killing of Daniels and Richards.

JENNINGS, La., Jan. 2.—The Jennings cavalry of the Louisiana national guard was ordered to entrain today for Morehouse parish.

DIXIE FLIER TURNS OVER, TEN INJURED

MACON, Ga., Jan. 2.—Two persons were injured seriously and eight painfully hurt as the result of the "Dixie Flier," a northbound tourist train, en route from Jacksonville, Fla., to Chicago, jumping the tracks six miles from here early today. The injured were taken to a hospital here.

Two baggage cars, one mail car, a day coach and a dining car turned over. Ten Pullmans left the track but remained upright. The engine left the rails, but did not turn over.

The train crew said the train was making about thirty miles an hour when it left the rails.

MONTANA GOVERNOR FAVORS ADOPTION OF OREGON MOTOR TAX

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 2.—Reviewing Montana's financing conditions and recommending changes in methods of taxation and in meeting the upkeep of various state institutions and departments Governor James M. Dixon today read a 14,000 word message to the two houses of the eighteenth Montana legislative assembly in joint session.

Specific recommendations in the governor's message included a tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline; equalization of taxes between realty and intangible property by enactment of new laws taxing inheritances, incomes, natural resources, public service corporations and industries and legislative enactment, if constitutional to enable all the delinquent taxes in the state, now said to total \$10,000,000, to be liquidated on or before January 1, 1924, on payment of the original tax, plus the advertising costs of the sale and straight 7 per cent interest since the date of delinquency.

He urged the enactment of a bank deposit guarantee law; the enactment of a license tax for metalliferous products on gross tonnage of ore produced; and the enactment of a three per cent license tax on gross proceeds of hydro-electric power companies.

Union to Pay Fines For Railroad Men Who Started Strike

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Fines aggregating \$9,800 composed the sentence in federal district court here today against eight union railway men convicted of conspiracy to obstruct interstate commerce in connection with the strike last August against the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe railway. United States District Judge Bledsoe pronounced sentence after assurance by counsel for the defense that the fines would be paid by the union organizations of which the defendants were members.

PORTLAND MEN TAKE OVER MINE NEAR GRANTS PASS

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—Earl C. Stevens, J. H. Nodine and Leroy Lomax have organized the Mint & Bullion Placer Mining company and taken over 20 claims on Althouse creek, near Holland in Josephine county, that they say give excellent prospects of becoming good producers.

The claims are in a district that in the early days is said to have yielded \$33,000,000 from the simple process of mining with pick and shovel. During recent years, John Apple, old-time miner, installed considerable machinery, and it was from him the Portland men, a short time ago, after extensive investigations, purchased the property. Apple having met with an accident preventing his active participation in operation of his plant.

Stevens is a mining engineer, graduate of the Columbia School of Mines in 1905, and spent some time in Central America before coming to Portland. Nodine is a former Californian and Lomax was formerly circuit judge in Baker, Ore.

"The claims contain 12,000,000 cubic yards of what our investigations have shown is gold bearing gravel," said Stevens, "and we have two big giants in operation at the present time."

Stevens said that occasionally good sized nuggets are found, and displayed one valued at \$22.40, with many others of smaller size.

The company has its headquarters in Portland.

4 MORE IRISHMEN EXECUTED, DUBLIN

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.) A dispatch from the Dublin correspondent of the Evening Standard says the four rebels recently arrested in the Tralee district were executed by the free state today. Their names are given as Matthew Morony, Thomas Devane, Cornelius Casey and Dermot O'Connor.

The full text of the German proposal was not given out here and officials would not say to what extent the Washington government would have been committed had it been accepted in Paris. Chancellor Cuno in his Hamburg speech which first disclosed the peace pact plan, however, indicated that the powers acting as trustees would be no more than the depository of the promises of the signatory governments, and presumably would not be required to take any steps for enforcement of the agreement.

Tom McBride Is Now Chief Justice, Oregon

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Thomas A. McBride, member of the state supreme court since 1909, today assumed office as chief justice of the court, succeeding Justice George H. Burnett.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—H. H. Corey was elevated to the position of chairman of the public service commission of Oregon today and Thomas K. Campbell, of Portland, assumed office as commissioner succeeding T. M. Kerrigan.

Northcliffe Left a Fortune.
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily Express understands that the estate of the late Lord Northcliffe is valued at 5,500,000 pounds.

BIBLE REVIVAL HITS WASHINGTON STATE TO READ NEW TESTAMENT IN 15 HOURS

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—To convince folks that they have no excuse for not scanning the Bible, the entire New Testament was to be read today in the First Baptist church of this city. Sixty readers, each taking fifteen minutes, were expected to start at the beginning of the gospel, according to St. Matthew and to reach the end of Revelation in fifteen hours.

PARIS HALTS U. S. ACTION PEACE PLAN

French Objections lead Secretary Hughes to Hold Up German Proposition for Peace Agreement, Dependant On Plebiscite—French Constitution Opposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The state department announced today that the German proposal for an agreement under which France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany should "solemnly agree among themselves and promise the government of the United States" not to resort to war for the period of one generation without the authority of plebiscite had not been transmitted to the French government formally by Secretary Hughes, as an informal inquiry brought on the fact that it was not acceptable to France.

The department issued this statement:

"The German ambassador, on behalf of his government, recently submitted to the secretary of state a proposal to the effect that the powers interested in the Rhine, Italy and Germany, should 'solemnly agree among themselves and promise the government of the United States that they will not resort to war against each other for a period of one generation without being authorized to do so by a plebiscite of their own people.'"

"It was deemed inadvisable to transmit the proposal to the government named unless it appeared that it would be favorably considered by the French government. On making informal inquiry of the French government the secretary of state was informed that that government could not view the proposal with favor, as such an arrangement could not be made under provisions of the French constitution."

The announcement is the first word state department officials have permitted to escape them in regard to the German proposal. They would add nothing by way of comment today to the announcement. Disclosure by the department of that fact that the German proposal would have made the government of the United States the guardian or trustee of the peace pact is the first intimation of an official character that this plan was sought to bring the weight of American influence to bear on the European problem. There was nothing to indicate whether the Washington administration would have refused to accept such responsibility had the French government found it desirable to enter into the pact.

In some quarters there was a disposition to believe, however, that the action of Secretary Hughes in sounding out French opinion informally, was an evidence that the Washington government was at least deeply interested in the proposal.

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Movie Actor Succumbs.
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Edwin Stevens, for many years actor in spoken drama and more recently internationally known for motion picture interpretations died here today at his residence from pneumonia. He was 60 years of age.

Kerosene Fatal Again.
ANACORTES, Wash., Jan. 2.—Mrs. A. S. Pease, aged 61, died yesterday from burns received a week ago while she was lighting a furnace fire with kerosene.