

The Weather
Prediction Rain tomorrow
Maximum yesterday 47.5
Minimum today 31.6
Precipitation .13

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 36
Minimum 29

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PENSION BILL VETOED BY PRESIDENT

Bursum Measure Providing for \$108,000,000 a Year More for Mexican and Civil War Veterans Returned to Senate—Graft for Widows Detected in Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The Bursum bill providing for an increase in the pensions of Civil and Mexican war veterans was vetoed today by President Harding.

In his veto message the president declared the increase in governmental expenditures involved would amount to "heedlessness" and objected also to the bill's "loose provision for pensioning widows."

"I am returning herewith senate bill 3275, an act granting pensions to certain soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil war, without my approval.

"If the act were limited in its provisions in behalf of the surviving participants in the Mexican and Civil wars and widows of the war of 1812, it would still be without ample justification. The commissioner of pensions estimates its additional cost to the treasury to be about \$108,000,000 annually and I venture the prediction that with such a precedent established, the ultimate pension outlay in the half century before us will exceed fifty billions of dollars. The act makes no pretense of new considerations for the needy or dependent, no new generosity for the veteran wards of the nation; it is an outright bestowal upon the government's pension rolls, with a heedless provision for the government's financial problems which is a discouragement to every effort to reduce expenditures and thereby relieve the federal burdens of taxation.

Graft for Widows
The most particular objections to this act, however, lies in its loose provisions for pensioning widows. The existing law makes the widow of a Civil war veteran eligible to a pension if she married him prior to June 27, 1905. In other words, marriage within 49 years of the end of the Civil war, gives a veteran's widow a good title to a pension. The act returned herewith extends the marriage period specifically to June 27, 1915, and provides that after that date any marriage or cohabitation for two years prior to a veteran's death shall make the widow the beneficiary of a pension at \$50 per month for the remainder of her life.

"In view of the fact that this same bill makes provisions for pensions for widows of veterans of the war of 1812, the possible burden of this sweeping provision seems worthy of serious consideration. Frankly, I do not recognize any public obligation to women, who now, nearly sixty years after the Civil war, become the wives of veterans of that war.

"The government has so many dependents to whom generous treatment is due that congress will find it necessary to consider all phases of our obligations when making provisions for any one group.

Portuguese Prince Sells Insurance in N. Y. On Commission

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Prince Miguel De Braganza, son of Don Miguel Braganza, pretender to the throne of Portugal and grandson of King Miguel, who reigned over Portugal from 1823 to 1834, is selling life insurance in New York. He is working on a commission basis for a firm of insurance brokers of which William Rhinelandor Stewart, Jr., the prince's brother-in-law is a member.

The pretender opposed his son's marriage to Anita Stewart in 1909. Miss Stewart was reported to have received a wedding gift of \$2,000,000 from her mother, Mrs. James Henry Smith.

DR. M'KONIN TO LEAVE TONIGHT FOR LOUISIANA

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 3.—Consent for Dr. B. M. McKoin to return voluntarily to Louisiana provided he will be accompanied by representatives of that state was received this afternoon in a telegram to Governor Ritchie from Governor Parker of Louisiana. Counsel for Dr. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, who was wanted in Louisiana for alleged complicity in the Morehouse parish murders and kidnaping last summer, agreed and Dr. McKoin will leave for the south tonight.

Dr. McKoin was formally discharged from custody by Judge Stein in city court late today.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT NAMES NEW JUDGE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—Governor Olcott announced yesterday that if the United States senate confirms the appointment of Judge John S. Coke of Marshfield as federal district attorney for Oregon before the expiration of Olcott's term on January 8, he will appoint John C. Kendall of Marshfield as circuit judge in that district to succeed Coke.

OREGON ADVERTISING FUND IS DISCUSSED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—Plans for pressing Oregon advertising and development, for which the Portland Chamber of Commerce is raising a fund of \$250,000, were before the Oregon development board for consideration at a meeting today, preliminary to the annual meeting of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce here Friday.

AMBASSADOR HARVEY AT WHITE HOUSE GIVES PRESIDENT THE "INSIDE" DOPE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Ambassador Harvey was the guest of President Harding at the White House today on his first visit to Washington since going to his London post. Since his arrival last night from New York, when he was taken directly to the White House, Colonel Harvey had made no statement on the purpose of his visit. Broadly, however, he comes to lay before the president and his advisers in personal conference, the results of his close observation of the economic and other problems of Eu-

REPARATION CONFERENCE NEAR ROCKS

Adjournment Alone Prevents Open Break Between France and England in Paris—Poincare Declares Bonar Law's Proposal Pleases No One But Himself.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allied conference on reparations adjourned this evening until three o'clock tomorrow, thus avoiding the immediate break which had been expected in many quarters.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The cabinet council of French ministers this morning instructed Premier Poincare to move in the conference this afternoon the adoption of the French reparations plan as the minimum acceptable to France. In the event the meeting does not accept the plan, Premier Poincare was directed to ask the conference to register formally lack of agreement among the allies.

The council, which met under the chairmanship of President Millerand, decided unanimously that the British reparations plan was an abandonment of the treaty of Versailles. British Scheme Opposed Premier Poincare, after the meeting continued to receive important members of the government, among them Louis Barthou, president of the reparations commission; M. Reibel, minister of liberated regions, and Finance Minister Lelasteyrie, in preparation for his declaration to be made to the conference at the three o'clock meeting.

In this announcement the French premier is expected to declare that the British plans demands that France give up every guarantee. M. Poincare, it was forecast, will and that the British scheme for supervising the execution of the new arrangement practically makes Germany the arbitrator in questions that may come up concerning the payment of her own debts.

Premier Poincare, after the cabinet meeting, said the British plan displaced everybody, not only the French but the Italians and the Belgians, and that the proposal that the Bank of England put its hand on the gold left them by the allies as security for loans was alarming.

He reiterated that the French plan was the minimum acceptable to France and represented the maximum of concessions France would make.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allied conference met this afternoon for their second session with the delegates appearing in anything but a cheerful mood. Prime Minister Bonar Law seemed particularly depressed.

The session opened with Premier Poincare in the chair and with the ambassadors and experts in waiting in adjoining rooms as they were yesterday.

Members of the British delegation said after their meeting this forenoon that they had no false hopes as to the outcome of the conference. It was remarked that the British and French plans seemed almost hopelessly divergent.

Reports reached the British delegation that decisions of the most important character were before the French cabinet this morning.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Germany's representatives in Paris are awaiting word from the allied premiers before presenting the new German proposals for a new German reparations settlement, no reply having been received to the request of the German ambassador here that Dr. Karl Bergmann, the German spokesman, be heard by the conference. Dr. Bergmann said today that a definite refusal to hear him would result first in his consulting his government before he could put the proposals in writing.

It was said in German circles that

Surgeon Jailed as Bigamist, and Bride



Captain Charles Pike, who boasts that his ancestors discovered Pike's Peak, enjoying (?) a meal in the county jail at Crown Point, Indiana, where he is in present sojourning. The father of his present wife, Mrs. Francis Heile Pike (insert) when he heard of common law relations with a little lady known as "Mrs. Marjory Pike" caused the arrest. The captain is an officer connected with the Marine hospital at Chicago and the father-in-law is an attorney.

FIND ANOTHER CLUE TO MISSING HAMMER KILLER

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—Renewed search for the whereabouts of Mrs. Clara Phillips, "hammer murderer" who escaped from the Los Angeles county jail December 5, centered today around a note found about 100 feet from a cabin in a lonely canyon near Los Angeles, where, sheriff's deputies declared last night they were convinced she had hidden for at least four days after her jail break.

The note, weighted down by a rock and partly concealed in brush on the trail leading to the cabin, read: "Clara: Will see you Wednesday night. For God's sake, be careful."

Officers said they would compare the handwriting of the note with that of a person under suspicion as having aided Mrs. Phillips in escaping. The message was written in a masculine hand on the margin of a newspaper and officers said they regarded it as authentic.

It was announced from the sheriff's office that Armour Lee Phillips, the murderer's husband, had purchased groceries at a store near the cabin daily during the four days following his wife's escape, and that another man had called for them and presumably delivered them at the cabin.

ALFALFA PRICES IN U. S. AVERAGE \$23.75

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—More than half the marketable surplus of the 1922 alfalfa crop had been marketed December 15, compared with less than half the 1921 crop at that time a year ago, but the amount available from last year's crop was estimated to be about 15 per cent less than was sold in the previous year, according to a statement issued today by the department of agriculture. Drought in the southwest was said to have curtailed production of alfalfa and at the same time to have caused an unusual demand for it in that section, while elsewhere the demand remained about normal. The average price, December 15, was \$23.75 a ton, compared with \$21.50 September 15. Timothy prices on the other hand, averaged \$22.50 a ton in the principal markets September 15 and \$21.50 December 15.

The Daily Bank Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—A messenger of the Heliman bank was robbed of \$15,000 shortly after noon today by four robbers in the wholesale district before the gaze of at least two score pedestrians. The messenger, accompanied by a guard had collected \$7,000 from the Globe Dairy company and \$8,000 from the Sanitary Gold Seal Dairy company, in front of which the robbery occurred. They escaped by automobile.

INMATES COUNTY JAIL PUT TO WORK ON ROCK CRUSHER

The county court today decided to put the inmates of the county jail serving out sentences for various crimes to work on the county rock crusher at Jacksonville under the direction of Jason Hartmann.

According to Judge Gardner the court felt that the inmates of the jail would be benefited by the outdoor exercise and the county would be benefited by getting some much needed rock ready for the repair of county roads. Many of the roads near Medford are now in wretched shape, particularly the road running east to Hillcrest Orchard and the county court is anxious to see that this and other thoroughfares are put in decent condition as soon as possible.

Shine Edwards and three other inmates of the jail worked at the rock crusher this morning and the others will have their opportunity in the next few days. The law allows the court to decrease the sentences of the men employed if their work for the county is satisfactory.

NEGRO TAKEN FROM TRAIN AND HANGED

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Jan. 3.—Ben Webster, a negro, was taken from an eastbound passenger train on the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad at Lawrence last night by 25 masked men and his body was found today hanging from a bridge 25 miles from Lawrence, according to reports reaching here today.

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP KAISER STATUE

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Reports from Halle state that an attempt was made last evening to blow up a large monumental group comprising an equestrian statue of Emperor William I and monuments to Bismarck and Von Moltke. The latter monument was hurled into the basin of the fountain.

Attempts to destroy the victory column in front of the postoffice and the home of a well known banker were frustrated by the police.

Pope's Intentions Denied. ROME, Jan. 3.—The vatican issued a denial of the Berlin report that Pope Pius was soon to urge American intervention to aid the economic and moral reconstruction of Europe.

Rain Is Interfering With Grave Diggers In Salem Cemeteries

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—Almost continuous rainfall since Friday, during which time almost five inches of rain have fallen, are delaying burials in local cemeteries. Sextons report difficulty in digging graves and one funeral had to be postponed today because the water seeped into the open grave faster than it could be pumped out.

OFFICER ADAMS NAMED CHIEF MEDFORD POLICE

Medford's new city administration is in the saddle, having assumed office last night at their first formal meeting, which was the first council meeting of the new year. The new members are Mayor E. C. Gaddis, and Councilmen O. O. Alenderfer, J. H. Butler, E. H. Janney, B. W. Paul, J. W. Jacobs and A. J. Crose. The terms of City Recorder M. L. Alford and City Treasurer Webber also began January 1.

E. C. Gates, retiring mayor and Messrs. Lumsden, Keene and Dressler, retiring councilmen, taking a fatherly interest in the new body, were present to see that things went off right, and Messrs. Gates and Keene gave a few words of advice.

Contrary to expectation Mayor Gaddis announced few permanent changes in appointments, having been unable, because of lack of time for proper consideration to make permanent changes and decide on further appointments.

Timothy and Mears Out. Probably the most interesting change announced by Mayor Gaddis, of intimate interest to the general public is that George O. Timothy is no longer chief of police after his five years of service in that position. The mayor appointed Chas. Adams, the well known night patrolman for several years, as temporary chief of police. The mayor announced that Chief Timothy had resigned, and thus caused the vacancy. G. J. Prescott was appointed temporary policeman.

Another change of interest is that the mayor announced that Fred W. Mears, city attorney during the Gates administration, had made plans to locate in Southern California in a few months, this necessitating the appointment of another man to fill this position. Mayor Gaddis announced that he had named John H. Carkin to this position, to assume office when the legislature had adjourned and after Mr. Mears had cleaned up all pending city law suits and other city business.

Mr. Carkin has been in charge of the legal and other aspects of the taking over of properties for delinquent municipal taxes for several years past. Therefore, the mayor-elect and his advisors deemed it expedient to have Mr. Carkin take over the additional duties of city attorney, at an increased salary, so as to have all the city business under one legal head.

The only other change announced by Mayor Gaddis was the appointment of Dr. Frederick G. Thayer as city health officer, to succeed Dr. E. H. Pickle. It has been the policy for years back to pass this office around with the change of every administration.

No other appointments or changes are to be made until the new mayor has had time for mature deliberation. Future appointments to be made are the personnel of the new city water commission, and to fill positions on the public library board and the city boxing commission. It is understood that Charles Davis is to be retained as superintendent of the water, street and electric light departments.

The appointments of the councilmen to the several council committees were made by Mayor Gaddis as chairman of each committee: Finance—O. O. Alenderfer, J. H. Butler, E. H. Janney. Street and sewer—B. W. Paul, J.

GOV. SMITH OF NEW YORK URGES BEER

Chief Executive Empire State Wants Amendment to U. S. Constitution Allowing Light Wines and Beer—Declares People of State Opposed to Prohibition.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 3.—In a personally delivered message to the New York legislature today, Governor Alfred E. Smith recommended passage of resolutions urging that the legislative machinery at Washington be set in immediate motion to bring about a constitutional amendment permitting light wines and beer.

He also recommended initiation by this state of a federal constitutional amendment requiring submission to the people instead of the legislatures of all future proposals to amend the federal constitution.

The legislature, the governor said, had ratified the 18th amendment in 1919 by a narrow margin after refusing an appeal by him to submit the question to the people in a referendum. He then recalled the 2.75 per cent beer bill passed by a substantial majority by the legislature in 1920 and subsequently rendered inoperative by the supreme court decision and declared that if "democracy means, surely the history of our state does not indicate that a majority of the people are in sympathy with the existing Volstead act. If the people are to get relief from this situation, they must look to the national congress."

Other recommendations made for repeal of the motion picture censorship law, restoration of the direct primary, municipal home rule and municipal control of public utilities.

WHITE PLAINS CASE ORDERED DISMISSED

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Supreme Court Justice Seeger yesterday dismissed an indictment charging first degree murder against Walter S. Ward, wealthy baker's son, holding that the prosecution had invaded the defendant's rights in delaying trial of the case.

Ward was indicted for the slaying of Clarence Peters last May.

W. Jacobs, O. O. Alenderfer, E. H. Janney, J. W. Jacobs, J. H. Butler and A. J. Crose.

Health—Mayor Gaddis, J. H. Butler and A. J. Crose.

Licenses—J. W. Jacobs, O. O. Alenderfer and A. J. Crose.

Fire and building—J. H. Butler, B. W. Paul and E. H. Janney.

Parks and public grounds—E. H. Janney, B. W. Paul, Mayor Gaddis.

Mayor Outlines Policy. The council meeting was mostly given over to hearing of the appointments, passage of the monthly payroll and bills, and to getting generally grounded on the duties of the council.

The first ordinance passed by the new council, was under suspension of the rules, and provided that E. M. Wilson, the accountant, be employed to make an audit of the city accounts for the past four years.

In his informal address to the council, Mayor Gaddis referred to the fact that himself and the councilmen were elected on certain pledges, and their course in public office should be shaped to carry out those pledges. He referred to the fact that the policy of the old council, of which he was a member, was to hold down expenses as reasonably as possible in conformity with the progress and welfare of the city, and trusted that that would continue to be the policy of the present administration.

He asked the councilmen to make a close study of the needs of the various departments.

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EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, GIRL, BANDIT QUEEN OF HOLD-UP GANG, ARRESTED BY POLICE

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—A new kind of bandit queen, one who ruled the band and directed the "work" for the facilitation of perfect technique rather than for gain, was introduced to the public today by the police of Evanston.

"You'd never think I was a bandit queen to look at these rags, would you?" she said as she tried to smooth out her rumpled clothing and glanced at her cheap jewelry.

She is Elizabeth Sullivan, whose mother runs a confectionery store. "My gang didn't have the nerve, that was the trouble," she said. "My sheik, Klen, was ok, but I had to steer him. But that Tommy Guest was yellow. One night we were waiting to pull a stickup and he got cold feet. I stuck my gun in his head and said, 'I'll blow your brains out if you try to quit now.' That brought his across all right.