

The Weather

Table with weather forecast: Prediction Rain, Maximum yesterday 61, Minimum today 33.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Table with weather data: Maximum 31, Minimum 20.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1923

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HIGH WATER NORTH DOES BIG DAMAGE

Train Service Demoralized and Highways Inundated—Crest of Flood Passes—Eugene Homes and Farms Suffer—Columbia River Sections Isolated.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—Two bridges at Portland, the Burnside and the Morrison street structures, were closed to traffic today as unsafe on account of the high water.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—Flood conditions in Oregon and southern Washington today were still serious, although it was believed in many places that the crest of the flood had passed.

Two persons in Washington were reported missing and two injured as a result of a cloudburst which struck the West Fork logging camp, four miles west of Morton.

Rail connections on all four roads leading toward Portland from Eugene were cut off Saturday night and telegraph and telephone connections to Portland interrupted.

The main line of the Southern Pacific was washed out at Jefferson and Shedd. The Oregon Electric was out at Jefferson. A bridge over the Mary's river on the west side line was out and a trestle at Coburg on the east side line was gone.

Trains were run from Portland via the west side line to Corvallis, then shunted to Albany and then down the main line to Eugene. The north fork of the Santiam yesterday afternoon was at the highest point seen there since 1908.

There were six feet of water over the Southern Pacific tracks at Berry and part of the Breitenbush bridge was washed out.

The river at Eugene is the highest in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. Hundreds of houses in the north end section of the city were under water and scores of farms flooded. Although there have been no casualties reported, the loss of hundreds of head of stock is estimated.

Eugene was without milk supply as a result of the highways into the city being washed out in places. The Pacific and MacKenzie highways were both badly damaged. Farmers were marooned on their lands, and in some cases forced to take to the upper stories of their homes.

At Mapleton the business district was inundated. The highway and railroad were badly damaged and the Coos Bay train was stalled since Friday at Cushman.

Train service was at a standstill in all directions from The Dalles. The Deschutes river set a new record flood stage and houses and lands that had been considered well above the high water mark were inundated.

The old Moody toll bridge across the Deschutes at Millers was washed away. Both the Oregon-Washington railroad and Navigation company and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle to Bend were closed and both of the O. W. R. & N. trains were stalled Sunday and without provisions north of Maupin.

Some supplies were sent to the train from The Dalles. The flood had reached 23.2 feet in the Willamette at Portland this morning—a rise of 3.7 feet in 24 hours—and was still rising as far south as Albany.

The river here today was at the highest winter stage since 1890. A further rise of 2.5 feet was forecast by the weather bureau.

From Eugene a falling river was reported. The Columbia is rising as far east as Umatilla, where six tenths of a foot rise was reported. The great

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WIDOW MISSING BANK CASHIER TO GET LIFE INSUR'CE, CASE UNSOLVED MYSTERY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—A judgment of the United States district court of Washington states awarding \$86,000 insurance on the life of Frederick Stewart, former cashier of the Keelo State bank to his wife, Mrs. Maude E. Stewart, as a result of Stewart's mysterious disappearance while he was crossing the Columbia river in a tug March 6, 1921, was upheld today by the United States circuit court of appeals.

Check Up Foreign Legations at Capitol For Liquor Surplus

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A close check has been inaugurated by federal prohibition authorities on liquor shipments consigned to foreign embassies and legations here with a view to determining whether disproportionate supplies are being brought through the American customs to these favored destinations.

HUGHES' PEACE PLAN ON RHINE TOLD TO PARIS

Provides That World Bankers Be Called in to Settle Reparation Muddle—Comment on French Reply Guarded—New Move Contemplated

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Times correspondent at Berlin said after an interview with Wilhelm Cuno, German chancellor, that proposals for a Rhine peace pact made through Washington may possibly again be made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The plan of settlement of the reparations controversy between France and England outlined by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven address has been communicated to the French government through official channels.

No final reply has been made by Paris although it was learned today that a preliminary answer had been received here from the French foreign office. It was said at the state department that the proposal was regarded as still before the French government for decision. It was not stated when the American communication was sent but indications were that it was transmitted through diplomatic channels before Mr. Hughes delivered his address at New Haven.

It was said authoritatively that the transmittal was "perfectly definite in character" and it was indicated that it revolved about the suggestion that international financiers be called in to formulate a reparations payments plan. Official comment as to the nature of the reply already received from Paris was withheld. The statement that the American suggestion still was definitely before the French government, however, was interpreted to mean that the French answer was not unqualified rejection of the scheme.

PHONOGRAPH AGENT SHOT BY SPOUSE

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Jan. 8.—M. L. Lamar, phonograph salesman, was shot and killed in the doorway of a music store here early today. Major W. L. Culbertson, attached to the ninth infantry, a National Guard inspector for Texas and commander of Pat Carrigan post, American Legion, surrendered to Police Chief McCormick. Domestic trouble caused the shooting, officers said.

JUDGE SHAKESPEARE END LONG CAREER

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 8.—Noah Shakespeare ended a service of sixteen years as justice of the peace here today and during that period heard approximately 17,000 cases. Part of the time he acted as police judge and part of the time as civil justice.

"She Bit Me," Charges Modiste, Suing Kitty Gordon's Daughter



Kitty Gordon and their recently opened beauty shop...

NEW YORK.—When the daughter of Kitty Gordon, known as the Hon. Vera Bersford, attempted to walk out of her Sixth Avenue shop, with an armload of gowns still unpaid for, a lively hairpulling match ensued in which Hon. Vera soaked the modiste in the eye and left the print of her teeth in the modiste's arm.

WASH. SOLONS TO HEAR OWSLEY AT FIRST SESSION

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 8.—The passing of appropriation bills to take care of the costs of this session of the legislature, the submission by the governor of interim appointments, paroles and pardons, and vetoed legislation from the 1921 session and election of officers were the main matters of business to be taken up by the 1923 legislature at the opening session today noon.

A sharp contest was certain to develop over the speakership of the house this afternoon and another was scheduled in the senate on the election of a president, pro tem. A senate caucus last night, however, showed P. H. Carlson, Thurston county, would likely be the senate president as he had a safe margin over D. V. Morthland, Yakima county, when an informal ballot was taken. Reed's opposition in the house lay in the insurgent group, led by Thomas F. Murphy, King county.

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SEIZE ESSEN THURSDAY IS FRENCH PLAN

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—In a last effort to save the Ruhr valley from French seizure, an attempt was made last Friday to arrange an interview in Paris between Premier Poincare and Hugo Stinnes, at which the head of the French government and the chief of the German capitalists might make peace. Premier Poincare rejected the offer.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press). The occupation of Essen by a small French force, accompanying engineers and customs officers, is now slated for Thursday morning. It was stated on good authority today.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press.) Premier Poincare will inform parliament on Thursday regarding his policy toward the Ruhr district.

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DENVER SWEEP BY HIGH WIND AND FIRE IMPERILED

DENVER, Jan. 8.—Descending upon the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountain area last night, a severe windstorm increasing in velocity from about the normal rate of 35 miles an hour to between 65 and 75 miles an hour, left destruction and havoc in its wake in parts of Denver and nearly a score of northern Colorado towns and in farming sections, according to general reports reaching Denver early today.

Fire, fanned by the gale, wrought terror in parts of Denver during the night and virtually every department in the city was engaged in battling more than a score of blazes. Several residences, stores, two downtown buildings and a hotel reported fires, none of which proved serious. The damage, however, was expected to run into thousands of dollars.

The storm, which came from the western Rocky mountains, swept down upon southern Wyoming and northern Colorado late yesterday, unroofing houses and demolishing numerous frame structures. No loss of life was reported. Farmers lost heavily in damage to farm properties, it was reported.

LEGION TAKES FALL OUT OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Congress has been asked by the American Legion to take action before March 4 on the Bureau bill providing for the retirement of disabled emergency army officers.

Center of Seattle Dance Hall Reform Controversy Is Shot

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—On the eve of a public hearing by the license committee of the city council into dance hall conditions here, Roy Thornton, proprietor of the Liberty dance hall, center of a recent controversy between Mayor E. J. Brown and ministers of the city, was shot and wounded in his home yesterday. It became known today. The wound was not serious.

EYE WITNESSES MASKED ATTACK TO TAKE STAND

BASTROP, La., Jan. 8.—Twelve witnesses, men who were held up by the same black hooded band that kidnaped Watt Daniel and Thomas P. Richards, others who found the bodies of the two men floating in Lake LaFourche and several, the purport of whose testimony could not be ascertained, will be called to the witness stand at tomorrow's session of the open hearing investigation of masked band depredations in Morehouse parish.

WOMAN TO HANG IN ENGLAND TUESDAY

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press.) The secretary for home affairs, William C. Bridgeman, stated this afternoon that he could not depart from his decision denying the appeal in both the cases of Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters, convicted of the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson. Consequently the executions which will be by hanging will be carried out tomorrow.

DANCER'S CHARGES AGAINST RICH MAN'S BOY EXPLODED BY HIGH COURT'S RULING

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Supreme Court Justice Borst today dismissed the action of Evan Burrows Fontaine, dancer, against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, son of Harry Payne Whitney of New York, to recover \$1,000,000 for breach of promise. He held that the testimony of the plaintiff was without credence

FLOOD JARS OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

Eleventh Hour Move to Defeat Upton for Senate Presidency—Kubli Named Speaker—Gov. Pierce Waits to Deliver Inaugural Speech, and Gov. Olcott His Farewell.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—Formalities attending the opening of the 32nd legislative session here, today were somewhat jarred by the flood conditions in the state, for Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, contender against Senator Jay H. Upton for the presidency of the senate, was marooned at Albany and his followers here made an eleventh hour effort to defeat Upton by notifying Senator Gus C. Mosher, temporary president, that they would support any other senator that Mosher might select.



Walter M. Pierce

Pending the organization of the senate, Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce was waiting for his inauguration and opportunity to deliver his inaugural message, and Ben W. Olcott, retiring governor, was waiting to deliver his farewell.

Just before noon, enough senators were mustered together to call the senate together for temporary organization and Moser of Portland was chosen temporary president.

In a brief speech he urged the members to forget political differences and to work together for harmony.

The house was ready to proceed and effect permanent organization. K. K. Kubli of Portland was unanimously chosen speaker.

Upton was reported to have pledged 36 votes necessary for his election, but the followers of Eddy, reported to number 14, were making a determined stand against Upton.

Temporary President Moser, after conferring with leaders supporting Senator Upton of Prineville, rejected the Eddy followers' compromise proposal. Senator Eddy arrived early this afternoon and immediately went into consultation with his supporters.

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