

The Weather

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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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 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.

If the investigation discloses that an embassy or legation is receiving supplies out of proportion to the needs of its staff for personal use and official entertaining, the state department will be asked to call the situation to the attention of the foreign government involved.

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.

Shippers Convened. VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 8.—Fifty delegates representing transportation and shipping concerns in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, were here today for the third session of the Pacific Westbound conference.

"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 Beresford, 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.

This is set forth in a bill presented by the dressmaker, who is suing for the price of the gowns and for damages to her person. According to the charges, Miss Beresford's action followed the dressmaker's refusal to accept a part payment check for \$250 signed with Kitty Gordon's name but in handwriting which was not Kitty Gordon's.

After the basic quarrel, the Hon. Vera dissolved in tears and declared, it is alleged, that she needed the gowns for a stage act and had not the money to pay. In sympathy, the modiste presented her with several of the gowns, but when she received no thanks, but further invective, decided to sue.

Kitty Gordon, former stage star, resumed her title of Lady Beresford when she opened a beauty shop recently.

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.

Committee assignments were not to be made public today by Lieutenant governor W. J. Coyle, nor Mark E. Reed, who is slated to be speaker of the house, but will be held up until tomorrow.

The address of Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, before a joint session this afternoon, meant the transaction of little business beyond the regular routine.

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.

The lieutenant governor will make the senate committee assignments as usual, it was determined last night at the caucus, although an effort was made to remove from him this power.

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SEIZE ESSEN THURSDAY IS FRENCH PLAN

Occupation to Impress Germans French in Earnest—Parliament to Be Called—Hold Force Only Argument—Germany Held in Default Coal Deliveries From Ruhr

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.

Belgian and Italian engineers and technical experts will accompany the French but only the Belgians, it is understood, will contribute to the force of occupation.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(By Associated Press.) Premier Poincare will inform parliament on Thursday regarding his policy toward the Ruhr district. This was decided upon at today's council of ministers.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—It seemed certain this afternoon that the reparations commission would vote Germany in voluntary default on coal deliveries for last year after the final hearing of the German experts, which was set for three o'clock this afternoon.

The appearance of the Germans was considered a mere formality as their objects are well known to the commission. The question would be decided, it was forecast, by the affirmatives of France, Belgium and Italy, with Sir John Bradbury, the British member, probably abstaining from voting. It was uncertain whether the vote

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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.

Moving south, the storm struck Denver after 9 o'clock last night. Telegraph and telephone communication to points north was demoralized, scores of poles having been blown down.

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.

The letter said that failure to act on the measure, which had been awaiting final action for more than three years, was a "shameful example of the inability of congress to function."

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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.

No report of the shooting was made at police headquarters. Chief Severans admitting that he had instructed officers to make no written report pending full investigation. Thornton, it was said, could furnish no clue to his assailant.

The public hearing on the conduct of dance halls began this morning.

EYE WITNESSES MASKED ATTACK TO TAKE STAND

Exalted Cyclops of Klan, Mayor of Mer Rouge and Deputy Sheriff Named As Outrage Participants—To Prove Brutality.

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.

With a lapse of a day in the open court hearing in observance of a state holiday Attorney General A. V. Coe and his corps of assistants directing the state's investigation in the kidnaping and slaying of Watt Daniel and Thomas P. Richards and other masked band depredations in Morehouse parish, turned their attention today to a digest of evidence intended to establish by scientific deduction and physical exhibits that the two men were subjected to extreme cruelties before they were put to death.

State investigators continued the assembling of evidence on which it is expected a score or more of men, members of the black hooded band alleged to be responsible for the kidnaping and slaying, will be placed on trial. It is generally expected that issuance of warrants will come before the end of this week.

Testimony implicating others as members of hooded bands who have operated in this and other parishes was expected to be developed during the next few days. The names of three prominent Morehouse citizens have already been mentioned as participating in a mob action early in August when Watt Daniel was accosted, but unharmed.

J. L. Daniel testified Saturday that his son told him he recognized from beneath their hoods, J. K. Skipworth, exalted cyclops of the Morehouse Ku Klux Klan, Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, and Laurie Calhoun, a Morehouse deputy sheriff.

However the identity of members of the August 24 hooded band said to have been responsible for the kidnaping and murder of Daniel and Richards have not been revealed in testimony so far.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 8.—State military forces on duty in Morehouse parish were reduced today to two units—a cavalry troop and a machine gun detachment—with the issuance of an order for company A of the infantry to entrain for its home in Alexandria.

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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.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR



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.

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 and he did not believe there was ever any promise of marriage or that young Whitney was the father of her child as alleged in the complaint.

At Nyack last week Justice Thompson vacated the annulment of Miss Fontaine's marriage to Sterling A. Whitney and ordered the matter referred to a grand jury with a view to prosecutions for perjury.