

The Weather

Table with weather predictions: Prediction Rain, Yesterday's maximum 43, Today's minimum 32.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago table: Precipitation .05, Maximum 54, Minimum 22.

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WHITE ROBED GANG BRAND LADY, CLAIM

Tillamook, Ore., Woman, Accused of Bootlegging, Tortured Month Ago—Texas Widow Whipped and Hair Cut By Mob Disguised As Clowns and Women—Lash Victim Keeps Silent

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Jan. 12.—Men robed in white entered the home of Mrs. Nevada Standish here and branded her on the breast with a red hot metal cross, according to reports which District Attorney T. H. Goyno admitted today that he had been informally investigating. No formal charge has been made, said Goyno, but he was willing to order a grand jury investigation if Mrs. Standish should ask it.

According to the reports reaching Goyno, the alleged attack occurred about a month ago. He said he had spoken to persons who said they saw the scar of the cross on the woman's breast. Mrs. Standish had been twice tried on a charge of being implicated in moonshine operations in this county and was acquitted after taking an appeal, according to Goyno.

Two masked men appeared at the door of Mrs. Standish's home shortly after midnight on November 21, according to an account she gave her attorney, Webster Holmes, repeated today to the Associated Press by Holmes.

"Mrs. Standish was at home alone with her three and a half year old son, her husband being ill in a hospital at Portland," said Holmes. "A neighbor woman had been visiting her in the evening and left about 11:30. Mrs. Standish retired about midnight and shortly afterward heard a knock at the door. On opening it she saw two men masked, with white hoods tied about their head so that she could not recognize them.

They both sprang in and one of the pair, large and powerful, seized her, placing his hand over her mouth. The other took from his pocket a small cross about one and a half inches in the perpendicular direction by three-quarters of an inch in a horizontal direction.

"Holding this by a pair of pliers, he heated it with matches which he lighted and when it was hot the men applied it to Mrs. Standish's breast. "One of the men said 'You have been wanting a cross, and we will give you a d—' fiery one."

"The men then told her to say nothing about it and left the house. "Owing to the fact that Mrs. Standish had been indicted with other persons on a charge of moonshining, in which case I defended her, and in which she was finally acquitted, she was afraid to report the matter to the authorities and nothing was done about it.

"The first time I saw the brand it was scared over, but the scar has now been removed and when I saw Mrs. Standish yesterday the brand was marked in white lines in the flesh.

Find Woolen Garment What Not Mentioned, 3000 Years of Age

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Leading European archaeologists express the opinion that a woolen garment discovered by peat cutters in Gerum Fen, near Skara, Sweden, is one of the oldest ever found in Europe. It lay only a few feet under the surface of the peat, but the preserving qualities of the fen water kept it intact, scientists believe, for about 3,000 years.

EXTEND TIME OF NEXT PAYMENT FROM GERMANY

Next Monday Pay Day, But France Desires to Outline Reparation Policy to Powers—Germans to Mourn Tomorrow Over Ruhr.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The reparations commission this morning postponed until January 31 the payment of 500,000,000 gold marks due from Germany next Monday.

France, Italy and Belgium voted for delay. Sir John Bradbury, the British member, did not cast a ballot.

There was no discussion of this brief moratorium on its merits. The French requested postponement of the payment in order that they might finish preparation of their new moratorium plan.

Roland W. Boyden, the American observer, was present at the meeting, which lasted a half hour. Steps were taken to notify the German government of the delay.

In reparations circles it was intimated that France was hoping that the moratorium would permit the Ruhr situation to take definite shape, making evident the extent of the "passive resistance" policy which Wilhelmstrasse seems to have planned.

There was also a report that France might endeavor to arrange a meeting with Germany to discuss a settlement in view of the fact that the French are now in the Ruhr. Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and possibly the United States, it was said, might be asked to attend.

In the event a plan for direct discussion failed, it was suggested a two year moratorium, with certain conditions soon would be granted Germany. These conditions, according to a forecast of what France is ready to grant, would include the maintenance of the economic commission already in the Ruhr and the occupation of that entire region in the event Germany did not immediately accept the moratorium provisions. The German government would also agree to float international loans of gold and paper marks to balance the budget, and to permit a committee of guarantees to assume control of German internal finances.

ESSEN, Jan. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—While Germany generally was preparing for the observance of tomorrow as the "Sunday of mourning" over the occupation of the Ruhr, the actual establishment of the French and Belgian garrisons continued to be extended and the occupying authorities at Essen and Dusseldorf were making further steps toward control of the big industries.

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—The miners union has issued an appeal to the Ruhr miners urging the into commit no excesses against the occupying troops. The statement adds the union expects the French to keep their promise regarding maintenance of the eight hour day.

VIEWS VARY OPERATION RUM FLEET

Dry Enforcement Heads Say Report Exaggerated and Custom Officer Is Much Amused By Denial—Ask United States Navy to Take Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Press dispatches describing the landing of large quantities of illicit beverages by a fleet of rum runners on the New Jersey coast were declared to be "absolutely erroneous," in an official report received today by Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes from the New Jersey dry headquarters.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—William R. Sanders, chief of the inspection division of the United States customs service here, which Thursday night captured four rum runners off the Jersey coast, today characterized as "laughable" the denial of prohibition enforcement agents that there were rum running activities of large proportions off Sandy Hook.

Mr. Sanders suited his action to his words, laughing heartily as he said: "Our capture of four heavily laden rum runners is all the support I need to offer. The next day or two will tell just how great the activities have been."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Federal prohibition authorities had taken no further steps today to ascertain the facts as to the reported landing of large quantities of liquor on the New Jersey coast beyond the routine letter already sent to William B. Moss, acting director for New Jersey, asking for a report.

The federal authorities who inclined only mild interest in the press reports of a rum running fleet off Ambrose channel lightship and the operations of a landing fleet, in the letter to Moss merely called his attention to the reports, of which they said they received no confirmation from their representatives in New Jersey or New York.

H. C. Stuart, acting collector of the port and Mr. Sanders' chief, yesterday received a report made to him by Sanders on the previous night's raids and then dispatched the two coast guard cutters, the Manhattan and the Calumet. Mr. Stuart did not attend the conference which was hastily called after the report on the activities of the rum runners.

Mr. Stuart declined to be drawn into any discussion as to the extent of the rum running operations, declaring he was no more interested in the subject of liquor smuggling than he was in the smuggling of scores of other articles with which his force is constantly coping.

When the Hansen, formerly flag-ship of the dry navy, was transferred to Baltimore, and the New York dry navy was left with only a few launches, rum runners immediately became active and on Thursday the Associated Press learned that a large fleet had anchored off Sandy Hook and was being lighted by a great school of short craft.

The dry navy's boats were then further out at sea. Dispatches received today by the Associated Press from its correspondent at Highlands indicated that the rum fleet had dwindled slightly but that two steamers and ten schooners still were visible off shore. Yesterday three steamers and 19 schooners were reported by the bootlegger scouts to have sold their cargo and departed.

Warning to "lay low until after the equal" was reported at a meeting of the bottle fishermen in a whiskey packed boat on Highlands, N. J., last night. The decision apparently expressed the sentiments of all the bootleggers in the community for the rumble of trucks through Highlands streets ceased and representative citizens declared the little town was quieter than it had been for a month.

SIT DOWN UPON PLAN TO LIGHTEN WAR DEBT PAYING

President and G. O. P. Leaders Decide Present Not Time to Liberalize Foreign Loans—Secrecy Policy in Meetings Upheld By Sen. Smoot.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—President Harding and republican house leaders after a thorough canvass of the situation today decided that the time had not yet come to liberalize foreign loans.

The British debt negotiations were discussed again today in the senate and Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, a member of the American commission, said he believed proposed modifications of the funding law would include enlargement of the commission to permit appointment of three democrats as members.

Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee again charged that the negotiations were being conducted with undue secrecy. He asked Senator Smoot whether it would not be better to permit greater publicity.

"No," replied Senator Smoot. "I don't believe it would be possible to get anywhere, either so far as this country or others are concerned, if everything said in the negotiations is made public."

SUSPECT LOSS IN TALENT DISTRICT FIREBUG'S WORK

The barn of Henry C. Kirby, three miles west of Talent, was totally destroyed by fire Friday night, and, according to reports, brought back circumstances indicating incendiarism, mark the blaze. No one had been in the barn, which was one of the largest in the county, all day, and its contents were all dry.

The loss, estimated at between \$7,500 and \$10,000, partially insured, includes the barn, estimated at \$3000 two head of stock, two farm wagons and 100 tons of hay and equipment of a minor nature. Most of the stock was taken out of the barn shortly after the fire was discovered, and which burned rapidly.

The glare from the fire could be seen in this city. A short time ago, unknown hands turned the stock out of the barn into the granary.

An alarm was turned in to the Medford fire department about ten o'clock and the fire was reported as on South King street. The fire truck drove to the end of north Oakdale and turned around and came back when it was seen that the fire was several miles distant. They were not informed of the location of the fire even this forenoon.

KILLS FIANCE, SHE REFUSED TO TALK

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Harold Vanablen, member of a vaudeville team, who shot and killed Miss Marjorie MacLaren of a musical troupe, wounded her brother, Hugh, and then shot himself in a restaurant here last night, told police today he killed the girl because she had broken their engagement to be married and refused even to talk with him.

M'KON SHOT UP HIS OWN AUTO, CLAIM

Witness Charges Sympathy Move—Threatening Letters Scouted—Capt. Skipworth Would Whip All Anti-Klan—Admitted Knight Tells of Efforts to Quiet Mer Rouge Factions.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Walter Campbell, marshal of Mer Rouge, testified in the open hearing investigation into masked band operations in Morehouse and the kidnaping and slaying of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard, that Richard told him he had recognized two men—Jim Tisdale and A. D. Campbell—as members of a black hooded band which kidnaped him from Bastrop a week before Richard and Daniel disappeared.

"Is Campbell any relative of yours?" was asked.

"Yes, my brother," the witness replied. Campbell was one of several Mer Rouge citizens said to have been designated by Captain J. K. Skipworth, leader of the Morehouse parish branch of the Ku Klux Klan, as undesirable. Campbell said he was vouched for by another citizen, offered to put up \$1,000 to prove that he was innocent of any charges that might be preferred against him and he was allowed to remain.

Campbell said he had learned that he had been charged with plotting to kill Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 13.—William B. Stuckey, Mer Rouge lawyer and a former member of the Louisiana legislature, testifying today in the state's open hearing inquiry into masked and hooded band activities in Morehouse parish declared the theory had been advanced in Mer Rouge, in connection with an alleged attempt to kill Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, that Dr. McKoin shot up his own car to gain the support of members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. Stuckey described himself as an opponent of the Klan. He also declared Mr. McKoin had incurred the enmity of many persons in and about Mer Rouge because of what he termed "bull in the China shop" methods of McKoin, while he was mayor.

The name of Captain J. K. Skipworth, parish Klan leader, was brought to the fore again today with the assertion of Mr. Stuckey that he had heard the captain remark that "every man in Morehouse who did not quit talking about the Klan would be whipped."

Previous testimony was that at the time of the kidnaping of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard, victims of a black hooded band, the men taken prisoner were questioned as to the shooting at Dr. McKoin.

A. L. Smith, another witness told of efforts undertaken by certain factions which developed as a result of the attack on Dr. McKoin and the kidnaping and disappearance of Richard and Daniel.

"We wanted to provide ways and means to cope with the trouble without outside assistance," said Mr. Smith. "Martial law was threatened and the governor was reported to have sent detectives here. We wanted to call the governor off and handle the situation ourselves."

Applause from the galleries greeted Mr. Smith's declaration he "was a clansman and proud of it."

Judge Fred L. Odum, before whom the inquiry is being held, warned the spectators against a repetition of such a demonstration.

Hungry Eat and Have Checks Sent Up to City Hall

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 13.—Small groups of unemployed men who yesterday were denied the hospitality of the city jail by Chief of Police Anderson last night were the uninvited guests of several restaurants, where they quietly told the cashiers to "charge it, and collect it at the city hall in the morning."

Free beds were also demanded at a number of downtown hotels. Police investigated complaints of restaurant proprietors, but the men had disappeared before the arrival of the officers. One group dined at the expense of a large cafe numbered 17.

WOMEN ON JURY CRY AS LAWYER LAUDS SLAYER

Miss Skarin Also Weeps—Defense Counsel Glad of Murder, Suggests Purse for Fair Defendant—Dead Man and His Attorney Flayed.

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—Final arguments by defense and prosecution counsel got under way today in the trial of Clara Skarin, charged with the murder of Ferdinand Hochbrunn, and court attaches expressed the opinion that the case would be in the hands of the jury late this afternoon. Defense counsel John F. Dore occupied nearly the entire morning session of court in his argument. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John D. Carmody was to summarize the state's case immediately after the noon recess.

Scathing denunciation of Edward Von Tobel, attorney and life long friend of the slain man and accused by the defense of being an accessory after the fact in the killing, was the note that colored Mr. Dore's argument throughout.

"Clara Skarin," he shouted, "did not crucify Edward Von Tobel. He crucified himself upon a cross of gold—Hochbrunn's gold. He had the gold, he admits it, but he tries to explain that it was the estate of an alien. He was holding the gold for an alien when this country was demanding all the gold it could get to save the lives of the boys in France."

Von Tobel on the witness stand, had admitted under cross examination that in March, 1922, seven months after Hochbrunn's death, he had taken a large sum of gold coin from a safe deposit box and deposited it in a bank. The gold had been accumulated in connection with the settlement of an Austrian estate, he said.

Miss Skarin, tired and pale from the ordeal through which she has gone the past four days, frequently buried her head in her hands and wept softly as her attorney recited his denunciation of Von Tobel. When turning from the lawyer, he described Hochbrunn as "that beast, that devil," she burst open into tears.

The detail of police which has been constantly on duty since the trial began last Tuesday literally had to fight would-be spectators from the door so great was the crowd.

Mr. Dore appealed to the jury to "acquit Clara or give her life imprisonment, but do not return a verdict of second degree murder."

"The ten years that she would have to serve as a minimum, under such a verdict, would end her life," he said.

At times during the argument the four women members of the jury

INCOME TAX HELD JUST BUT UNWISE

Oppose Oregon Acting Before Other Coast States—Kind Words for Railroads—Pierce Asks Two Olcott Supporters to Stay On Jobs—Legislature Meets Monday.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—A state income tax is declared just, but the question whether it would be wise for Oregon to adopt the plan before neighboring states do the same, is raised by the state tax commission in its biennial report, published today. The commission urged the legislature to trim appropriations as much as possible.

Concerning railroads, the report says that during the last three years the large railroad companies have been showing greatly decreasing operating income and cannot be, and should not be, assessed as they were in previous years.

The report admits that taxes are high in Oregon, but adds that "we are simply paying for what we are demanding."

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—The legislature upon convening in Salem Monday will be confronted with recommendations for appropriations for the biennium 1923 and 1924 aggregating \$6,416,829.23, according to figures set out in the budget for the two years which was completed here last night. The statement containing the recommendations was prepared by the state budget commission, which was created by an act of the 1921 legislature.

The total estimated requirements for the two years, 1923 and 1924, by state activities supported by fixed levies or continuing appropriations is \$13,588,696.78, while the money needed to meet the requirements of the self-supporting departments, commissions and boards, based upon the receipts and disbursements for the past two years will aggregate \$27,363,809.23.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—Two members of the ex-service men's state aid commission who supported former Governor Ben W. Olcott in the recent campaign, have been urged by Governor Walter M. Pierce to retain their posts, "because I think they are the kind of men we need on that commission, according to a statement by the governor today. The men are Arthur C. Spencer of Portland, who submitted his resignation, and Lyman Rice of Pendleton.

The Noted Dead

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Representative Montoya of New Mexico died suddenly at his home here today. He was stricken while shaving and died within a short time.

Corn Exports Increase.—WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Exports of corn from the United States during the cereal year ending November 1, 1922, were 40 per cent greater than for the twelve months preceding, according to figures by the department of commerce. Shipments to Europe were greater than for any twelve months since 1906.

Mr. Dore urged that the jury bring its verdict quickly. "Hurry with that verdict," he said. "Don't take more than five minutes. Don't take the time to read the long letters that have been given you as evidence and that have no bearing on the case. Acquit this girl."

"I'm glad she killed that devil, Hochbrunn," he concluded. "You have heard from witnesses in this court what he was. Why you should turn her free in a moment and give her a purse for the good she has done."

SPOKANE CITIZENS DEMAND ACTION IN PERJURY CASE AND "JURY TAMPERING"

SPOKANE, Jan. 12.—Demands for an investigation of the conduct of the jury that acquitted five defendants in the subornation of perjury case concluded in superior court here this week and reported itself unable to agree in the case of eight others were made of Special Prosecutor W. S. Fulton of Seattle and Prosecuting Attorney Charles Leavy by a score of persons describing themselves as taxpayers who called at the court house today.

The spokesman, F. C. Henneberg, who was chairman of a committee of citizens which conducted an investi-

VERY FEW WOMEN FITTED FOR OFFICE, NEED MORE EDUCATION IN POLITICS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—"There are very few women who, by training and opportunity, have become fitted for any public office," Miss Alice Robertson of Oklahoma, member of congress, declared in a lecture at Town Hall last night, "and there is none who is qualified to be governor of a state or a member of the cabinet."

She asserted that women of this country "belong to so many clubs that they don't know what any one of these organizations is doing." The money that is being spent on the women's congressional lobby, she said, could better be devoted to educating citizens, including women, to a better understanding of government and politics.

FREIGHT ON FARM PRODUCTS PROBED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—The Oregon public service commission yesterday ordered, on its own motion, an investigation into intra-state, local and joint freight rates on farm commodities on a number of railroads operating in Oregon. The investigation was requested by a number of farm organizations, individuals and commercial clubs.

PINEHURST, N. C.—John C. Rumbaugh won the mid-winter handicap trap shooting trophy.

British Liquor Declines.—LONDON, Jan. 13.—The excise duties on beer and spirits for the last nine months of 1922 dropped £28,582,000 over the corresponding period for 1921. Prohibition advocates in England express gratification over the drop which government departments attribute to the abnormally high prices and to unemployment.

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