

Table with weather predictions: Rain, Maximum yesterday 33, Minimum today 31, Precipitation Trace.

Table with weather statistics: Maximum 45, Minimum 24.

MEDFORD GIRL KILLED ON THE HIGHWAY

FRANCE ORDERS ADVANCE IN GERMANY

MOTORCYCLE SKIDS, GIRL LOSES LIFE

Miss Miriam Gaylord, Daughter of Well-Known Motorcycle Dealer, Victim of Tragic Accident Near Rogue River—Companion Hurt—Cause of Accident Unknown

Miss Miriam Gaylord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gaylord of this city, was killed yesterday afternoon at three o'clock when she fell from a motorcycle which she was riding with Chester Parsons of Phoenix this side of the Community clubhouse near Rogue River when the motor of the machine "froze" or the transmission jammed, locking the rear wheel.

Miss Gaylord's head struck the pavement and her skull was fractured. She did not regain consciousness and it is thought that her death was instantaneous. Parsons was rendered unconscious by the fall but came to shortly after the accident for a few moments, after which he lapsed into an unconscious state and did not revive fully until he reached his home in Phoenix where he was taken by Dr. E. J. Billick of Grants Pass.

A motorcycle rider in bringing a machine to a stop with the rear wheel locked will invariably turn the front wheel to the left and throw the machine into a broadside skid retarding the speed rapidly and coming to a stop with the left foot holding the machine up leaning to the left.

Parsons' only injuries are a stiff neck and a skinned elbow. This morning when interviewed he said but little and seemed dazed with grief, being hardly able to realize that the fall had actually resulted in such a tragic fatality.

Miss Gaylord had been an ardent motorcycle enthusiast for several years past and has been employed as private secretary to G. L. Buhrman of the Brownlee-Olds Lumber company.

Texas and Oklahoma Boundary Decided By Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The south cut bank of the Red river, was made the boundary line between Texas and Oklahoma by order of the supreme court today in the famous Red river case.

The decision is a compromise of the conflicting contentions of the United States and Texas, the cut bank for most of the distance where the contest centered at the Big Bend, being between the bluffs, which the United States insisted should be made the boundary, and the south bank of the river at its normal stage, which Texas urged should be made the line.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—A question of wide importance in the semi-arid regions of Utah was decided by the supreme court today when it held that percolating water cannot be entirely appropriated in tunnels driven for mining purposes.

MINT BANDIT IS FOUND DEAD; ANOTHER HELD

DENVER, Jan. 15.—The daring bandit who stood upon the running board of an automobile as the men who robbed a federal reserve bank truck of \$200,000 in front of the Denver mint on December 18 last, sped away amid a rain of bullets from guards, paid with his life.

Deserted by his pals, the body of the dead robber—believed to be the leader of the band—was found last night in a private garage near Seventeenth and Gilpin streets, in the fashionable Capitol Hill residence district. A gaping wound near the bandit's heart told the story. In his pocket was found a large caliber revolver, while a high powered rifle and a pump shotgun were found in the car.

The man, whose clothing and hands bore evidence that he was not used to manual labor, rented the garage about a week before the mint robbery occurred. When the tenant did not pay his rent today the owners and Frank W. McGee, a plumber with a shop nearby who had become suspicious, investigated. The dead bandit was found stretched out on the front seat of the car. He was frozen and an overcoat had been thrown over him.

Police believe the bandit's home was in Chicago. The initials "T. F. H." were found on a handkerchief in his pocket. His necktie and his tan shoes were bought in Chicago.

That the dead man did not profit much from the huge loot secured by his confederates was indicated when police found only one silver dollar, three twenty-five cent pieces, two dimes and a five cent piece in his pocket. Eight shells fit to the revolver in the bandit's pocket were found in his coat. Five men's caps, from which the signatures of the makers had been torn were found in the bandit car or nearby. The automobile had been stolen from Brighton, Colo.

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W. E. CREWS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

Medford Attorney Gets Important Position of State Corporation Commissioner—Will Take Office Wednesday—John Carkin Is Framing New Plan.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—W. E. Crews of Medford, was today appointed by Governor W. M. Pierce as state corporation commissioner to succeed T. B. Handley, resigned. Mr. Crews will return to Medford today and come back to Salem next Monday and has arranged with Mr. Handley for the transfer of the office on Wednesday of next week.

Judge Crews' friends in Medford were jubilant over the appointment of the local man today, and many highly praised Governor Pierce for his action. Judge Crews has always been a staunch democrat, was formerly chairman of the county central committee, and this year was a member of the democratic state central committee. He belonged to what is popularly known as the "old guard" division of the democratic party which in the recent election urged all democrats to vote the democratic ticket straight. In the race for circuit judge, Attorney E. E. Kelly was supported by the opposing division of the democrats. The first information of the appointment came yesterday when Judge Crews telephoned Mrs. Crews that the same had been made. Several prominent republicans endorsed the Medford man for the position.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—California, Idaho and Washington legislatures will be asked to send to Salem committees to confer with a committee of the Oregon legislature with reference to desirability of enacting uniform legislation as to an income tax and a tax on gasoline, if a concurrent resolution introduced by Senators B. L. Eddy of Roseburg and Fred Fisk of Eugene is adopted.

Another measure providing for consolidation of state departments to be considered by the legislature along with one proposed by Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield, is being prepared by Senator A. L. Johnson of Corvallis and Representative John H. Carkin of Medford.

Garb Bill Passed. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—Without a dissenting voice the house of representatives this morning passed its first bill of the session the Woodward bill providing against the wearing of religious garb by teachers in public schools.

An attempt by Representative McMahon, of Marion county, to have the bill referred back to committee for amendment to prohibit the wearing of the insignia or emblem of any secret or fraternal order failed by a vote of 35 to 22.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—A bill requiring all state appointive officers and employees to be American citizens, was introduced in the house this morning by Representative Hulbert.

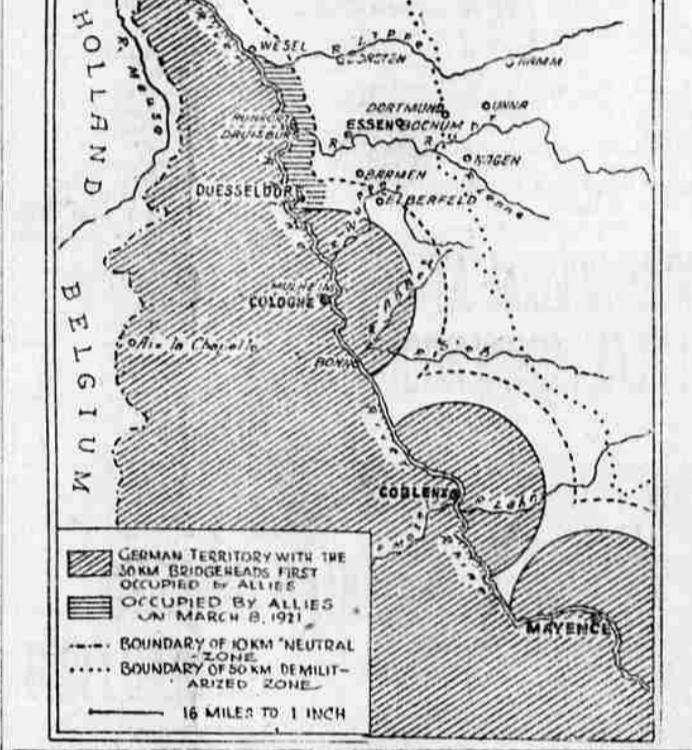
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—Representative Ezell today introduced a bill in the house to require all voters in irrigation project elections to be actual settler residents on the project.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—The shadow of the election recount proceedings of the past year in Oregon visited itself upon the legislature today in the form of a bill introduced by Representative Kirkwood providing that principals in such contests shall be entitled to recover costs, disbursements and attorney's fees from the losing parties.

Smith Feud Over. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—Senator J. C. Smith, chairman of the senate ways and means committee, announced on the floor today that the differences between the ways and means committees of the senate and house had been patched up and they would hereafter meet in joint session.

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Map Showing French Advance



SHERIFF DENIES KLAN LEADER DEPUTIZED TO ARREST FARMER

BASTROP, La., Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Guy Boyd, storekeeper at Collinston, La., testified today that the black hooded band, believed responsible for the kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard, stopped at his store to buy gasoline, completed the transaction, without removing their hoods and drove off with two men, blindfolded, seated in the rear of an automobile truck, without his recognizing any of them.

Boyd said he had told some persons he recognized two or three of the men, but he was only "joking." He insisted he did not recognize any of the hooded men who were traveling in a touring car and the truck. He also said he did not recognize either of the blindfolded men.

Boyd fixed the time of the visit between 8:30 and 9 o'clock at night. Daniel and Richard were kidnapped Ku Klux are going to pull off the biggest stunt since they started operating. In two weeks the kidnapping was done. This statement was made in my store and in the presence of my wife.

"Do you know Dr. McKoin?" "Yes." "Do you remember a conversation between you and the doctor in Monroe after Daniel and Richard had disappeared?"

"Yes, we discussed the disappearance of Daniel and Richard and I told him the people were saying the Ku Klux did it. He told me, 'You people are talking too much for your own good.'"

BASTROP, La., Jan. 15.—Fred Carpenter, sheriff of Morehouse parish, denied today that any commissions had been issued deputizing Captain J. K. Skipwith, leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Morehouse parish, or any other man to arrest Alonzo Braddock, farmer, who testified Saturday he was seized at his home by Skipwith and several other men, brought to Bastrop and turned over to Carpenter.

Carpenter was called as the first witness today in the opening hearing investigation here into the kidnappings and slaying of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard and other alleged depositions by masked and hooded bands.

Braddock testified that a party of men forced an entrance to his home. They were not masked, he said. Carpenter said no warrant had been issued for Braddock's arrest.

"The men then were acting on their own authority," the sheriff was asked. "Yes, except that Captain Skipwith said he had found some stills and asked me would I deputize him. I told him to go ahead and get the stills," Carpenter answered.

Shoes Were Returned. McVea Young, a druggist, was asked to testify in corroboration of statements made by Fred Comm, a former witness, who declared on the witness stand that when he was seized and taken into the woods to be "lectured" by masked men he left a pair of shoes and that the shoes were returned after he had sent a note making such a request to the home of Larry Calhoun, a special deputy sheriff of Morehouse, whom Cobb said he recognized as a member of the band. Young testified that a pair of shoes were left at his store for Cobb. He could not say who brought the package.

Delay in arrival of witnesses summoned for today necessitated a brief recess after the sheriff and Young had testified. J. T. Dalton, clerk of district court, was questioned by George Quoin, assistant attorney general, after he was handed a bond put up for Alonzo Braddock, charged with illicit distilling, and a search warrant to enter Braddock's house. Dalton was asked "Fleming said to me two weeks before the big kidnapping: 'Bluff nothing—you watch my word, the



Captain Skipwith

during the late afternoon of that day. Others who were taken prisoner at the same time were released at Collinston.

Boyd was the first witness called at the afternoon session of the open hearing inquiry into masked band activities in Morehouse parish and alleged activities of the Morehouse parish branch of the Ku Klux Klan.

Warned by Mayor. Robert Anderson, a youth, testified to having delivered a note written and handed to him by Fred Cobb to Mrs. Larry Calhoun.

J. E. Nabnet followed Anderson. He testified to having remarked, it was his opinion the Ku Klux's bluff had been called. This he said was made to a Mr. Fleming.

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Geraldine Farrar Is Given Bunch Roses On Eve of Divorce

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Geraldine Farrar carried a bunch of roses sent to her from New York with the "best wishes of Lou Tellegen," when she appeared today in a Lynn theatre, according to a story published today in the Boston Herald. Divorce proceedings against her husband, Lou Tellegen, are pending.

"A reporter who attempted to ask the significance of the gift of flowers," the story said, "was knocked down by a male escort of Miss Farrar."

"With her father, Sidney Farrar and other members of the party, she then stepped into a limousine and was driven away."

CONFESSES HOLD UP, FOLLOWING MEDFORD DANCE

In a confession made by Oregon Jones, age 21 years, while in the Josephine county jail at Grants Pass, participation in the auto hold-ups near this city, last October are admitted. Oregon has confessed a long series of auto holdups. His brother, Dewey Jones, went on trial in the Josephine county circuit court today for the same crimes, and is represented by Attorney Don Newbury of this city. Since his incarceration, Dewey has turned over a new leaf, refusing to escape with his brother and Ellsworth Kelley, when a jail-break was staged recently. Kelley was given a term of twenty years in prison for his part by Judge Thomas.

A copy of the confession was received by Sheriff Terrill Sunday, and reads as follows relative to the Medford crimes:

"On October 21st, 1922, my partner and myself went from Grants Pass to Medford, Ore. That evening we went to the dance hall at the Fair Grounds and at about 3:45 p. m. we held up an auto with two people, a man and lady—this occurred about one block north of Fair Grounds, and we relieved them of \$10 in money, one watch, and a ladies' wrist watch. As we pulled this job three more autos came by and we held them all up. My partner held up one of them while I held up the other. The party I got was a barber from Medford. I relieved him of one hundred and twenty dollars in money and six diamonds. One was a ring with three diamonds and one stick pin with three diamonds. I removed the diamonds from the ring and stick pin and sold four of the diamonds to my brother Milton for seven dollars in cash—one auto spot light, I auto tire, I inner tube and rim. The other two diamonds I sold to a jeweler, at Red Bluff. The barber-mentioned is William Schultz of the Whisenant shop.

"The last auto we held up at this same place, we both worked to

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REFUSAL TO YIELD COAL STIRS PARIS

Passive Resistance By Germany Brings Prompt Action By France—Troops and Tanks Ordered to Advance—Stern Measures Are Threatened

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—France's answer to the German mine owners' refusal to deliver coal on any terms was to extend the zone of occupation originally intended to cover only the Bochum region. The new line established by General DeGoutte's forces is from 15 to 20 kilometers further eastward, coming to the edge of the great industrial city of Dortmund.

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Today's operation by the French encircles all the Ruhr industries of Hugo Stinnes, the German industrial leader. The movement, with Bochum as its center, involves an advance eastward from ten to fifteen kilometers by the French. The new French line tonight, when the occupation is completed, will run from Hattingen, ten kilometers southeast of Essen, northeast through Langendreer to Carstrop, ending at Recklinghausen, fifteen kilometers north of Essen.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—In consequence of the destruction of two French placards in the streets of Essen, the French commander has ordered a German police guard on the spot day and night. The commander has given notice that if the offense is repeated and negligence by the police is proved the police will be severely punished.

U. S. Is Neutral. COBLENZ, Jan. 15.—The incorporation of the Ruhr valley into territory administered by the Rhineland high commission is the next step to be taken by the French, in the opinion of American circles here.

While it was pointed out that the Versailles treaty made no provision for the Ruhr district, the fact remains that the French are now there in occupation. A precedent for the anticipated action may be found in the Keibitz bridgehead, which was occupied in the same manner as the Ruhr.

The departure of the Americans has revived discussion of a Rhineland republic. While the British and American members will tolerate the proposed silent protest of the Germans against the occupation of the Ruhr on condition that there is no disorder or interference with public utilities, the French and Belgians decline to countenance it in any way.

ESSEN, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—The extension of the French zone of control to Bochum is intended as a penalty. The French seek to force the German government to repay the Ruhr valley industrial magnates for the cost of repairation coal deliveries above the overhead charges. The French also believe that the Germans have purposely reduced the food supply in the Ruhr industrial centers as a means of inconveniencing

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EXONERATION OF EDWARD CLARKE, EX-WIZARD, CALLED K. K. K. VINDICATION

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 15.—Dr. H. W. Evans, of Atlanta, Imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, in a statement telegraphed last night to the Atlanta Constitution, interprets the action of the federal grand jury at Muncie, Ind., in returning a "no bill" in the case of Edward Clarke of Atlanta, former Imperial wizard as a vindication of the Klan.

Mr. Clarke was charged with violation of the prohibition laws with the alleged finding of a bottle of whiskey in his handbag after the bag had been stolen in Muncie last summer according to officers.

Mr. Clarke and his friends contend

that the case was a "frame up," against him and blame enemies of the Klan.

Dr. Evans' statement of the Constitution follows: "Thus another attempt on the part of Klan enemies and the subsidized press has resulted in ignominious failure. I was present with Mr. Clarke at Muncie and knew he was not guilty and that he was being 'framed' because of his connection with the Klan.

"The public will, from now on, as they watch events rapidly moving forward recognize that the Klan is officered by men of sterling character and that its principles and its actions are beneficial to our country."

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APOSTOLIC DELEGATE, MEXICO, EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY BY ORDER PRESIDENT

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Monsignor Ernesto Filippi, the apostolic delegate in Mexico was ready today to leave the country, either tomorrow night or Wednesday in compliance with President Obregon's order expelling him for participating in an outdoor religious ceremony held last Thursday at Cerro El Cubille in alleged violation of the federal constitution.

It was considered possible, but not probable that diplomatic protests by Catholic nations represented here might bring modification of the order, which it is now thought would be extended to include other foreign

members of the clergy who took part in the service.