

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1923

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	32
Minimum	18

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	45.5
Minimum today	28.3

## ITALY ASKS FRANCE TO SLOW DOWN

### Rome Takes Definite Steps to Prevent Further Aggression Against Germans — Allies Take Over German Forests On Rhine and Seize Coal Barges.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Italy has taken definite steps to impress upon the British and French governments that she regards the present situation in the Ruhr as fraught with great danger, and although not taking the position of an actual mediator, has earnestly suggested that any further forcible steps toward the collection of German reparations be taken only after the most mature consideration. The Italian government is understood to have acted after the German ambassador at Rome called attention to the fact that the French army in the Ruhr and the remnants of the German military forces are facing each other across a space of only a few miles, presenting a situation regarded in Germany as involving the most dangerous possibilities.

GELSENKIRCHEN, Jan. 18.—Seven barges carrying coal destined for various cities in Westphalia were stopped by the French while traversing the Rhine canal here today and re-consigned to Strasbourg by way of Ruhrort and up the Rhine.

DOBTMUND, Jan. 18.—One hundred and twenty cars laden with coal, consigned to the interior of Germany were halted at the limits of the occupational zone today and diverted to Metz.

COBLENZ, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The inter-allied Rhine commission this afternoon decided in conformity with instructions from the French, Belgian and Italian governments, to take over the customs and forests of the Rhineland. An order was issued to seize tonight all the receipts in the customs offices.

ESSEN, Jan. 18.—The French military authorities today instituted court martial proceedings against six Ruhr coal magnates whose names were withheld. They were charged with "refusing to obey the orders of the military authorities in the territory under state of siege."

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The foreign exchange market was utterly demoralized today with international operations in continental currencies practically at a standstill, any business transacted being purely in the nature of a gamble.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The Reichsbank today raised its discount rate to 12 per cent from the 10 per cent established on November 13, last.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 18.—Twenty-five hundred iron miners are the and the greatest period of prosperity in the history of the Wabana district of Newfoundland has ended the result of the French invasion of the Ruhr and the consequent suspension of German contracts for Newfoundland ores, according to an official received here today.

Coal Owners Not Arrested. ESSEN, Germany, Jan. 18.—(By Associated Press)—Ruhr valley operators who thought for a

## WASHINGTON STATE CONSIDERS EXTRA BONUS FOR PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—An appropriation of \$500,000 to compensate the classed as "professional" who were barred from receiving state bonus by a decision of the supreme court, is proposed in a bill introduced in the state legislature by Senator E. B. Palmer. There are 1230 veterans who were prior to the declaration of war with Germany and who were compensated, according to the provisions of the bill, would be paid compensation the time they were in service April 6, 1917 and November

## Governor Allen of Kansas Describes Klan in a Phrase

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Henry Allen, former governor of Kansas, in a speech here last night characterized the Ku Klux Klan as "the old A. P. A., plus hatred of the negro, plus hatred of the Jew, all rolled up in the American flag labelled 100 per cent Americanism and sold for \$10 a piece."

## HOUSE PASSES BILL CHANGING ORE. PRIMARY

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—The house yesterday afternoon passed the bill introduced by Representative Louis Kuehn of Portland, prohibiting the changing of party registration by any voter within 30 days prior to a primary election. Sponsored by Representatives H. C. Wheeler of Lane county and T. T. Bennett of Coos county, the state grange income tax bill appeared late yesterday. The act would become effective immediately and would apply to incomes earned during the year 1923 by all persons, corporations, stock companies, partnerships and the like. Included in individual exemptions under the bill are: Incomes up to and including \$1500, to husband and wife \$2500; for each child under 18, \$400; for each additional actual dependent \$400. Mutual corporations not existing for profit, and the distributed profits of co-operative associations are exempt, provided they are not distributed in proportion to the amount of stock or shares held.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—Common use for the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific railway line will be asked of the inter-state commerce commission by the Oregon legislature. This was decided by the committee on resolutions last night after a prolonged hearing. The senate, however, will be asked to adopt a resolution asking the inter-state commerce commission to have in mind the railroad development of Oregon when the final grouping of railroads is accomplished, it was decided.

## FREIGHTER CREW RESCUED AT SEA

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The Italian steamship Giuseppe Verdi wirelessly her owners here today that she had rescued at sea the entire crew of the Italian freighter Montello at 11 a. m. Wednesday. The Montello was reported sinking at that hour. The message received from Captain Mangano follows: "After 27 hours of very hard work today January 17, at 11 a. m. with conditions of weather very bad, we saved the entire crew of the Italian steamer Montello. She is now sinking. We will arrive Friday night."

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 18.—The entire crew of 11 men of the schooner Helvetia is believed by coast guard officials here to have been lost when that vessel capsized off the Virginia coast during the heavy storms last month. It was stated today upon completion of an investigation which started Monday when a derelict was sighted off Winterquarter lightship. The derelict was found to be the Helvetia which left New York on December 13 for Charleston, S. C. It is being towed to this port by the coast guard cutter Manning.

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## Separate Wives From Hubbies On Transport

COBLENZ, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Officials of the American troops of occupation are making every effort to mitigate crowded conditions on the transport St. Mihiel when it takes the troops home. Servants must be left behind. Baggage will be limited to handbags. Husbands and wives will have separate quarters.

## ANOTHER K. K. IDENTIFIED AT BASTROP

### Witness Declares He Recognized Newt Gray As One of Gang That Held Up Daniel and Richards—Testimony Confirmed By Other Witnesses—Brother Testifies.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Newt Gray, was a member of the masked party which on August 5, held up Watt Daniel, T. F. Richard and several others on the highway between Bastrop and Mer Rouge, according to Fred Eubanks, testifying today at the open hearing here into the kidnaping and murder of Daniel and Richard. Counsel for Gray, who was on the stand yesterday, objected to certain questions put to Gray by the state on the ground that they were of the "third degree" variety and Judge Odum ruled that the witness would not be required to answer interrogations that involve statements of a possible incriminating nature. Eubanks said he resided near Newt Gray's home and was a visitor in Bastrop on August 24. "Returning to your home that day, were you held up?" "Yes, sir. Men wearing black masks held me up."

Rufus Eubanks, 18, of Mer Rouge, the first witness called today, testified that on August 24 he had taken Newt Gray in Gray's automobile from Bastrop and had dropped him on the road at a point within 200 yards of the place where the holdup later took place. Gray had previously testified that Eubanks had acted as his chauffeur that day.

Fred Eubanks was excused after he said he did not see Gray any more until the following morning. J. Huatt Jones, the next witness, said he did not hear of the kidnaping until the day after it happened. "Had you heard any talk to indicate there would be a kidnaping?" "No, sir, except I heard there was quite a stir up around Mer Rouge and White Lightning."

Jones testified he was a member of the Klan. Leon Daniel, brother of Watt, the next witness, said he is the only brother of Watt. "It has been testified here you made a statement Watt Daniel had been accused of shooting at McKoyn?" "My brother, Watt, told me he had been accused. He also told me Richard was accused. Then he told me later both he and Richard were accused."

"Did he approve of the vigilante committee of the Ku Klux Klan?" "No, sir, he was open in his talk about the Klan after some klansmen had made a raid on the negro settlement on his plantation. The negroes said they were dressed in black hoods and robes and were looking for whiskey. Watt was home at the time, but did not know of the raid until after the Klan had gone."

Henry Pipes said he and his brother were at Guy Boyd's store on August 24 when two carloads of black hooded men drove up and wanted their automobiles, one a truck, replenished with gasoline. "I saw some blind folded men in the back," testified Pipes.

Torture Touched Upon T. E. Pratt, Jr., who admitted on the stand he was a klansman and owner of an automobile truck with which he said he hauled logs on August 24 until six o'clock in the evening, was questioned at length about the truck and a log unloader at the lumber mill at which he was employed at Mer Rouge.

He said there was a white man by the name of W. F. Howard, who was employed at the mill as a sawyer. The witness said Howard "knocked off" from work on August 24 at or about the usual time, six o'clock. The witness was interrogated at length about the various machinery used at the mill.

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## "Wally" Reid Dies at Hollywood



LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Wallace Reid, motion picture actor, died today at Hollywood. The end came at 1:30 p. m. in the sanitarium where the actor was taken about a month ago after a nervous breakdown, said by his family to have been due to his fight against the narcotics habit. Reid's wife and children were with him when he died. Reid at the height of his career as a motion picture actor, collapsed several months ago and after two months' absence from the studio on what was reported to be a nervous breakdown and eye trouble, the family made a sensational announcement just before Christmas that he was a victim of drugs and under treatment in a private sanitarium. The announcement by his mother-in-law, was to the effect that more than a year before, while working in studios in New York under a strain of illness he used drugs for stimulant to hold him up through production of a picture which later gained fame as one of his best. This was revealed later to have set the drug habit upon him and finally last fall he broke down at the Hollywood studio and went under a physician's care. It was a fight to the finish to conquer the drug habit, his family made known, and during the past month he was close to death on several occasions. At Christmas he rallied and indications were that he was on the road to convalescence and only a few days ago his condition was reported showing such signs of improvement that his return to the screen was set for next July.

## OREGON GROWER'S CONTRACT HIT BY ROSEBURG JUDGE

ROSEBURG, Jan. 18.—A case which has aroused much interest over the state due to the fact that it tests the contract made between a cooperative marketing association and a producer, was decided here last week in favor of the producer and against the association. The Oregon Growers' Cooperative association sued Ernest Riddle, fruit grower of Riddle, to compel him to market his 1922 crop of prunes through the association, claiming that he had signed a contract to do so and that he had sold his crop independently the preceding year. They endeavored to obtain an injunction preventing him from selling his 1922 crop outside the association, the injunction being denied. Riddle claimed that the association brought the suit at harvest time in order to hold it as a club over the heads of the growers. Judge Hamilton declared in handing down the decision that a contract to be binding must affect both parties, and not one only. The case probably will be taken to the supreme court.

## Daily Report on the Crime Wave

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—Two bandits held up three messengers of the Wilson Packing company on the Mill street viaduct here today and escaped with a pay roll of \$5424 in cash.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18.—A bandit was shot and captured in an attempt to rob the mail car of eastbound Santa Fe train No. 6, known as the "Colorado-Oklahoma flier" between Holiday and Lawrence, Kas.

## Casualties of the Air Service

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 18.—Pilot P. S. Oakes and Mechanician William Accor were killed when an air mail plane they were testing, crashed at the local field at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon. The plane fell 500 feet and instantly burst into flame. The bodies were buried.

U. S. Exports 1922 Fall WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The total value of American merchandise exports during 1922, according to statistics made public today by the department of commerce, was \$3,831,516,735 compared with \$4,485,031,356 during 1921 and \$2,484,018,292 in 1913.

## Roger Clark, Movie Actor, Arrested for Murder Dancing Girl

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 18.—Roger V. B. Clark, motion picture actor and assistant director, was arrested here today at the request of the San Diego police and booked at the central police station on a charge of suspicion of murder in connection with the mysterious death of Fritzi Mann, dancer, whose body was found at Torrey Pines last Monday. Clark's car showed evidences of blood stains. The last number of the license plate was broken off and the dashboard case glass was broken with blood spots on the board. There were evidences of blood stains on the rear seat, showing indications that attempts were made to clean them.

## REPORT RUSSIA IS MOBILIZING POLISH FRONT

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 18.—Reports of pronounced military activity in the Dvina region of Russia (east of the former Baltic provinces are printed by the newspaper Tidningen today. It asserts that the military district of Smolensk has been declared in a state of war, that all the soviet troops garrisoned at Vitebsk and Smolensk have been sent southwest (toward the Polish frontier) and that passenger traffic on the railway between Polotsk and Mohilev (south of Vitebsk) is suspended and the trains requisitioned for the military. (There is no confirmation of these reports from other sources.)

KOVNO, Lithuania, Jan. 18.—Premier Garvanuskas informed the diet today that Lithuania would not accept any decision of the council of ambassadors regarding Memel unless it reflected the will of the population of that territory. The newspaper says the government will refuse to recognize allied sovereignty over Memel.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 18.—Representatives of the entente in Sofia have drawn the attention of the Bulgarian government to rumors current in Europe of a concentration of Bulgarian troops on the Rumanian frontier. The government expresses astonishment over the rumors, saying Bulgaria had no army. The entente was assured Bulgaria was absolutely opposed to any war.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 18.—The allied military control commission, which has been investigating reports of military activities along the Rumanian border, announces that it found nothing to substantiate the recent rumors which caused excitement here.

## WATCHMAN KILLED LOS ANGELES FIRE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Investigation was started today into the fire last night which gutted the warehouse of the Barker Brothers Furniture company here and caused the death of a watchman. Firemen after extinguishing the blaze found the body of J. E. Koeh, 50 years of age, watchman, on the fourth floor of the warehouse, death having been due to suffocation. Lawrence Barker, member of the firm, estimated the damage as reaching \$1,000,000 covered by insurance.

## HARVEY FIRESTONE CLAIMS ENGLAND CORNERING WORLD'S RUBBER SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Harvey Firestone, here to interest federal officials in measures to protect the American supply of crude rubber by efforts "to further cement our close relations with the South American republics," and through development in the Philippines, said today he would not "attend a meeting in New York tonight between a delegation representing the British rubber industry and members of the Rubber Association of America." Mr. Firestone declared that 85 per cent of the world's crude rubber production was controlled by British capital, while 70 per cent of it was consumed in the United States. The British, through legislation, he said, have restricted 1923 crude rubber production in the colonies to 50 per cent of the 1920 production, indicating a world output this year of 201,000 tons, while the estimated rubber consumption of the world in 1923 has been placed at 400,000 tons. "I can see no object of the conference in New York between American crude rubber consumers and the British crude rubber producers," he continued, "because it is wholly to the interest of the British producers to have the restrictive laws continued. I believe the rubber and automobile manufacturers of this country should meet and cooperate with British manufacturers in protesting against these restrictions."

## NATRON CUT OFF AWAITS I.C.C. RULING

### S. P. Attorney Tells Legislature Road Will Build Cut-off in 18 Months After It Is Allowed C. P. Without Common Used Clause—Many Bills Are Offered

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—The state senate today adopted Senator Charles W. Mills' memorial to the inter-state commerce commission urging such disposal of the Central Pacific properties as will allow adequate development in Oregon. Adoption today by the senate of the Ellis memorial followed the recommendation of the resolutions committee which last night eliminated from the memorial reference to a request which had been made by the state public service commission that the inter-state commerce commission in deciding on disposition of the Central Pacific, should permit common use of the proposed Natron cut-off in this state by the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific. The resolutions committee took its action after Attorney Ben C. Dey for the Southern Pacific said his railroad would begin work on the Natron cut-off within eighteen months after it had been allowed possession of the Central Pacific, provided it was not required to accord the Union Pacific common user privileges over the cut off, which is proposed to find a railroad outlet to a large section of south central Oregon.

In connection with Representative W. F. Woodward's eight hour bill for the lumber industry, which has been amended in committee to provide that workmen may be employed more than eight hours in a single day, but not more than 48 hours a week, a resolution was introduced in the house today asking that when Washington, Idaho and Oregon representatives meet to confer on income tax and gasoline tax measures, the eight hour day question also be discussed.

The senate adopted a joint memorial to congress by Ritner, Dennis and Corbett urging a federal constitutional amendment be submitted prohibiting further issuance of tax exempt securities.

Representative Sherman Miles of Columbia county, a banker, today introduced a bill requiring licensing by the state of all hotels and restaurants. The senate today unanimously adopted Senator Strayer's joint memorial to the director of the United States reclamation service urging completion of the Baker project in Baker county.

Senator Peter Zimmerman today introduced a joint memorial to congress urging passage of a "truth in fabrics" bill. Objections sent back to a committee Representative D. C. Lewis' resolution for a constitutional amendment for a sixty day legislative session and per diem salary of \$5 for members.

Election pamphlets would be done away with and newspaper publicity substituted in their place for advertising of measures, amendments and candidates going before the people at an election by a bill introduced by Senator F. J. Tooez of Oregon City. Rates of pay to the newspapers are prescribed.

Senator Tooez introduced a bill making it unlawful to fish for salmon in the waters of Oregon, or the waters over which the state has concurrent jurisdiction by means of seines, traps or fish wheels.

3 Killed in Detroit DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 18.—Three men were killed and seven injured in the cave-in of a sewer under construction at Levitt and Buchanan streets today. The sewer ditch is 36 feet deep.