

The Weather

Prediction Prob. rain, snow
Maximum yesterday 36
Minimum today 30.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 49
Minimum 32
Precipitation .09

Daily—Seventeenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-second Year.

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PHONE GIRL IMPLICATES KLAN HEAD

Telephone Operator at Bastrop Testifies Capt. Skipwith Told Her Not to Send or Receive Messages From Mer Rouge—Missing Witness Heard From.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Miss Lillian Wellmann, a telephone operator in the Bastrop exchange of the Cumberland Telephone company, testifying this afternoon at the Morehouse hearing declared Captain J. K. Skipwith, alleged cyclops of the Morehouse Ku Klux Klan, called upon her after she had gone on duty one evening and requested that she not send or receive any messages between Bastrop and Mer Rouge.

Assistant Attorney General Guoin, who was conducting the examination, asked if it was not the night of August 24, the date upon which Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard were kidnaped. Miss Wellmann insisted she did not remember.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Clarence Teegerstrom, brother of Harold Teegerstrom, missing timekeeper of the Southern Carbon company at Spycyker who disappeared December 29 and from whom the state has been searching in connection with its investigation into activities of masked men in Morehouse parish, took the stand today at the opening hearing here. "Do you know where your brother Harold is?" he was asked. "I do not," he replied. "When did you last hear from him?" he received a letter January 20.

3 MEN LIVE FOR 11 DAYS ON BEER

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 22.—Substituting for eleven days on beer, three men, half dead from exhaustion, exposure and hunger, were picked up by the Morgan line steamer El Occidente, 225 miles off the Carolina coast on January 18, according to Captain E. S. Campbell, master of the steamer, on his arrival here.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Twelve armed liquor thieves raided a West Randolph building early today, bound and gagged a watchman and a newsboy, drilled through a vault and stole 600 cases of whiskey, according to police reports.

FEAR 7 RUSSIAN REFUGEE SHIPS LOST IN CHINA SEA, HUNDREDS DROWNED

MANILA, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fear is expressed here that seven Russian refugee ships with more than 500 persons aboard have been lost in the China sea, en route from Shanghai to the Philippines as part of Admiral Stark's fleet of Vladivostok exiles, five ships of which are anchored near here. The missing vessels have not been heard from since January 10.

Admiral Stark is with the ships which have found temporary haven in Dolina cove, but his white fleet of homeless Siberians have no place on earth to land permanently. Pushed onward, first from Korea, then from China, it was given permission only to linger a while in the Philippines. Plans may be worked out, however, for the refugees to remain in the Philippines. They could be ad-

England Proposes to Leave Dispute To League Nations

LAUSANNE, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Marquis Curzon, speaking for Great Britain formally proposed to the Turkish delegation at the Near East conference today that the dispute over the Mosul oil district be referred to the League of Nations for decision. The Turks promised to give their answer to the proposal tonight.

3 MEN KILLED IN MINE FIRE NEAR SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Jan. 22.—Three unidentified miners were killed and 39 were overcome by gas when fire broke out early this morning in the 1400 foot level of the Morning mine of the Federal Mining and Smelting company at Mullan, Idaho, seven miles from Wallace.

The thirty men who were overcome were hoisted from the 2,000 foot level through the fire zone to safety, and at noon were reported to have recovered. The fire was still burning in the west end of the 1400 foot level today, but mine officials said dampness there would prevent much spread of the flames.

EMINENT BRITISHERS WANT PAGE MEMORIAL

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—An appeal for funds for a permanent memorial to the late Walter Hines Page, former American ambassador to Great Britain, will be issued soon over the signatures of Prime Minister Bonar Law, the Earl of Balfour, Herbert H. Asquith, David Lloyd George and Lord Grey—the British ministers with whom the ambassador was brought into closest contact. The form the memorial is to take will be dependent upon the amount of the contributions.

U. S. MEAT EXPORTS SHOW HEAVY DROP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Value of exports of meats from the United States in 1922 totaled \$34,519,343 as compared with \$156,878,243 in 1921. It was estimated today by the commerce department. Dairy products exported in 1922 were valued at \$24,996,435, compared with \$44,145,749 in 1921, while exports in 1922 of grain and grain products amounted to \$515,913,077, compared with \$758,327,520 in 1921.

League Will Act

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The possibility that the League of Nations will endeavor to end the strained situation in the Ruhr is again discussed by a section of the press today. It is declared that Hjalmar Branting, the Swedish representative on the league council, will certainly raise the question of the Ruhr at the meeting of that body in Paris on January 29.

THREATEN TO STARVE OUT RUHR STRIKE

French Prepare to Cut Off Ruhr District From Food Supply—British Clash With French—Germany Refuses to Guarantee Safety French Envoy at Munich.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS The coal miners' strike in the Ruhr valley, ordered in opposition to the Franco-Belgian attempt to collect reparations by forcible means, seems far from complete.

Duesseldorf reported a majority of the Ruhr miners still working at noon today, on the other hand Berlin claims 165,000 men have gone on strike in the Thyssen and Stinnes works in the Ruhr.

Paris announces new and drastic measures to be taken if German resistance in the Ruhr continues. These measures call for total isolation of the valley, complete control of the mines, railways and public utilities, and the introduction of new currency to meet the money stringency caused by German's withholding cash.

Bearing out the forecast a Dortmund message says French troops already are guarding all exits from the Ruhr, ready to execute the isolation policy if there is a general strike or rioting.

Conflicts between the British and the French over arrests and expulsions by the latter in the Cologne area, a British bridgehead sector, was avoided by instructions from London to the British military authorities not to interfere, although not to cooperate.

Fritz Thyssen and the five German industrial magnates arrested with him in the Ruhr will be tried tomorrow by the Mayence court martial, the proceedings having been postponed from today.

"Starve Them Out"

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Ruhr see-saw halted momentarily today while Germans and French waited for news from Mayence where Fritz Thyssen and other industrialists go on trial before a court martial charged with refusing to obey the order of the control commission.

French headquarters believed that conviction and imprisonment of the magnates might mean the calling of a general strike throughout the Ruhr.

The French were ready to reply to a general strike with the complete isolation of the Ruhr and the Rhineland from the rest of Germany. The control commission, it was said, will bend every effort toward getting coal out of the basin and shipping it to France, where it is already needed, leaving Germany to operate the railroads and feed the miners and the population.

"If Berlin wants the Ruhr to starve, it's her own business," one official of French headquarters told the newspaper correspondents last evening. If anyone starves in the Ruhr it will not be the French. The Germans have chosen their battlefield; we will fight them to a finish."

General Denigues expressed the opinion that the Ruhr valley was the scene of the battle of the war.

"If we win this," he said, "we shall have peace for 50 or 100 years. If we lose all our sacrifices of men and money during the war will have gone for naught."

The French have seized approximately 200,000 tons of coal in the Ruhr and declare an extension of the miners' strike would not prevent one-fourth of the basin's normal output going to France.

The Daily Bank Robbery

SHERIDAN, Ore., Jan. 22.—Robbers who forced entrance through the front door of the First National bank here early today, drilled the outer door of the safe and escaped with Liberty bonds and some currency which they found in thirty safe deposit boxes. Bank officials today were unable to give an estimate of the loss.

Three men with an automobile, who were seen by a woman at 1220 cutting the telephone cable on North Bridge street are suspected of having committed the robbery.

Witnesses and Evidence Klan Hearing



Howard B. Warren, one of the attorneys in the case is holding up one of the black masks used by the Klansmen on their terrorizing trips. Inset from left to right Elizabeth Durin and Thelma Dade both of whom are important witnesses in the hearing. Miss Dade is a niece of Watt Daniels.

WIDELY KNOWN NEWSPAPER MAN DIES IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Addison C. Thomas, who a quarter of a century ago was one of the most widely known newspaper men in the United States died at a hospital here today. The cause of his death was a stomach ailment. Mr. Thomas, who was born July 14, 1851, was for a long time superintendent of the Central Division of the Associated Press with headquarters in Chicago.

In developing the present extensive leased wire system of the Associated Press, Mr. Thomas played an important role and for a number of years was superintendent of this leased wire system. He was a practical telegrapher.

In Chicago in the eighties he first demonstrated the possibility of the use of the typewriter by operators in receiving telegraph news direct from the Morse sounder. This increased the carrying capacity of circuits and immediately added greatly to the volume of news distributed to the newspapers of the country.

The introduction of the typewriter was brought about only after endless experimenting by Mr. Thomas and long after others had declared the idea impracticable.

The device known as the cyclograph, a duplicating machine used by the Associated Press, was one of his inventions. It was the first machine to feed ink from the inside of a cylinder, a principle now adopted in mimeographing.

WAR LOOMS AGAIN IN NEAR EAST

LAUSANNE, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Marquis Curzon, British foreign secretary told the Near East conference this evening that the refusal of Turkey to submit the dispute over the Mosul oil district to the League of Nations had created a situation of extreme gravity. It was so grave, he added, as to involve the possibility of a renewal of warfare.

OFFER BILL TO SAVE ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY BONDS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—A bill aimed to save for the state the \$2,500,000 bonds approved by the voters a few years ago for the Roosevelt coast highway, was introduced today bearing the names of Senators Eddy, Hall, Maglady, Fisk, Johnson, Staples and Mrs. Kinney, and Representatives Jones, Bennett, Hurst, Mott, Wheeler, Pierce, Fletcher and Watson.

The bill would permit the governor to sell, whenever necessary under the provisions of the act, \$2,500,000 of state bonds and that the state highway commission may, whenever the United States government shall appropriate money to the construction of the Roosevelt highway or any part of it, match federal funds from this \$2,500,000.

Representative L. N. Blowers of Hood River today introduced a bill to regulate the sale, use and possession of pistols and revolvers, increasing penalties for commission of crimes while carrying such weapons, providing penalties for sale of fire arms to minors and to unnatural persons and persons convicted of felonies. Responsible citizens requiring weapons would be obliged to sign a description of firearms purchased.

MAYOR ARRESTED AS MEMBER BOOZE RING

GARY, Ind., Jan. 22.—Work of rounding up members of an alleged Lake county liquor ring which resulted in the arrest of several local and county officials, including Mayor Rowell Johnson of this city, was being continued today by federal officers. Caplases for the arrest of 75 persons alleged to be members of the ring, which indictments returned by the federal court at Indianapolis charge, operated under protection of Lake county officials, have been issued.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

RED OAK, Iowa, Jan. 22.—Albert Girard, 29, a butter and egg buyer of Omaha, was found slain in his automobile near here last night. It appears that he was killed by a blow over the head with a club. Mrs. Girard, his wife, informed the Omaha police that her husband had about \$200 in his possession when he left home Monday.

TOLEDO, Wash., Jan. 22.—Horace Hendricks of Centralia, Wash., suspected of slaying Mark Crowder, a taxi driver of Seattle, near Sumner, Wash., shot and killed himself with a revolver in a restaurant here last night.

Washington State May Put \$5 Tax On All Bachelors

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 22.—A poll tax of \$5 a year would be imposed upon all bachelors in the state between the ages of 25 and 60 according to a bill introduced this morning in the lower house by Charles Heigh-ton of King county. This tax would replace the old poll tax which was repealed at the last election by vote on an initiative measure. It provides that all male residents of the state not heads of families shall pay a tax of \$5 a year into the county treasurer.

BLACK MASKED MEN GUILTY OF TRESTLE CRIME

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 22.—Charges by strikers on the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad that during the recent disorders at Harrison they were forced, by threats of violence on the part of the "citizens committee," either to promise to return to work or agree to leave the railroad's territory were supplemented by testimony of officials of Harrison and Boone county in the inquiry now being conducted into the disorders by the state legislature's committee.

John A. Hewitt, one of the witnesses testifying at last night's hearing, declared that three men wearing "black masks" entered the Rotary club rooms at Harrison and took E. C. Gregor from his temporary prison. Gregor's body was later found hanging from a trestle. The mention of masks created a stir in the committee room. J. B. Davis of Heber Springs, who said he was a former brakeman on the M. and N. A. railroad, told of calling on the "citizens committee" at Harrison. "They asked me if I was 100 percent," he told the committee. "I told them I was. They told me that if I withdrew from my union strike benefit and thus made myself a real citizen, I would be allowed to remain. I signed up."

HARRISON, Ark., Jan. 22.—Conditions along the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad were more firmly in the grip of citizens, openly opposed to striking workmen in that road, following the resignation here last night of J. L. Clutz, mayor, George Minicus, city alderman, and William Parr, city marshal, and endorsement of the work of the "citizens committee" here by a mass meeting held last night at Eureka Springs. Armed volunteers continued to patrol the streets and the roads leading into Harrison.

COSTS 400 MILLION TAX FOR ONE SERVANT

MOSCOW—Russia's tax on luxuries has been extended to include servants. By recent decree a tax of 400 million rubles a year was levied upon all families having one servant, and 500 million rubles for each additional maid or butler in the house. At the present rate of exchange 100,000,000 rubles is the equivalent of \$1. The minimum wage for servants in Moscow today, by a ruling of the central trade union, is 200 million per month. All servants must be secured through a government labor bureau, and failure to register each household worker, or endeavorers to avoid paying the servants' tax, is punishable by imprisonment and fine.

Expect U. S. Budget to Be Balanced. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—High treasury officials expressed renewed hope that the government budget for this fiscal year would be practically balanced by June 30.

THOMAS DIXON, AUTHOR OF KLANSMAN, SCORNS THE MODERN KU KLUX KLAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Thomas Dixon, author of the Klansman, vigorously condemned the modern Ku Klux Klan in an address last night and declared it had stolen the livery of the original organization. He was one of several speakers at a meeting called by the American Unity league to discuss ways and means for combating the hooded organization. He said that when the modern Klan was organized a few years ago he declined an invitation to join, warning the organizers that "if they dared to use the disguise in a secret oath-bound order today, with the courts of law working under a civilized government, the end was sure—a riot, anarchy, bloodshed and martial law."

GOV. PIERCE OPPOSED TO BOTH BILLS

Chief Executive Reported Not Satisfied With Either Consolidation Measure—Senate Passes Labor Lien On Orchards—Anti-Alien Land Bill Appears.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—Passage by congress of a "truth in fabrics" bill requiring that manufacturers of woolen goods label them to show the exact percentage of pure virgin wool contained in the goods is urged in a joint memorial adopted today by the state senate. The memorial was introduced by Senator Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill. The house today passed the bill introduced by Representative R. J. Kirkwood of Portland, making the first sale or possession of narcotics in violation of the state laws a felony.

The senate today accepted the invitation of the University of Oregon and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to visit the university Wednesday, January 31. A bill to prohibit any court or judge from dismissing suits without giving the counsel on respective sides thirty days notice passed the senate today.

Senator Eddy's bill to include persons who perform labor in an orchard among those who have the privilege of lien on the crop passed the senate today. Any person who has wounded or killed another person through mistaking the victim for a deer or other animal, would be perpetually barred from receiving a hunting license under the provisions of a bill introduced by Representative S. P. Pierce of Curry county.

A corollary bill to the anti-alien land holding bill pending in the legislature has been introduced by Representative E. F. Bailey of Junction City, one of the authors of the anti-alien land bill, which would require that county assessors list all ineligible aliens who own, lease or operate real property.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—Neither of the so-called consolidation bills proposed to date is entirely satisfactory to Governor W. M. Pierce, he indicated before the opening of a public hearing on the Hall and Johnson-Carkin bills last night. In a statement he urged legislative action toward consolidation of the state departments. He also urged passage of an income tax measure similar to the federal law and reiterated other recommendations in his message.

Numerous tax bills appeared yesterday in addition to ten recommended by the state tax investigation committee, several measures relating to taxation were introduced by the senate committee on taxation.

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100,000 Swiss Unemployed. GENEVA, Jan. 22.—The Swiss government, it is announced, is sending a mission to Canada to investigate the possibility of finding work there for the Swiss unemployed. There are now 100,000 out of work in Switzerland.

the thing is throttled promptly we are in sight of martial law." The original Klan was founded as a weapon against a corrupt and intolerable tyranny by the bravest and noblest men of the south, he said, but the proscription of the negro races by the modern Klan is inhuman. "The Klan assault upon the foreigner is the acme of stupidity and inhumanity," he said. "We are all foreigners except the few Indians we have not killed. Our fathers blazed the way through the wilderness for the trembling foot of liberty. They built a beacon on these shores, flashing its rays of hope to all the oppressed of the earth. Shall we, their sons, meet the humble migrant of today with a mask and dagger and push him back into hell? If this is 100 percent Americanism, I, for one, spit on it."