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The Weather
Prediction ..... Fair and cold
Maximum yesterday 39
Minimum today 15.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 37
Minimum 27

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F. ARBUCKLE TO QUIT AS FILM ACTOR

Corpulent Comedian Finds Public Sentiment Too Strong for Comeback On Screen—Will Be Movie Director Instead—Pauline Frederick's Suit Started.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle today was preparing to attempt his "come back" along the new lines he announced yesterday—that of a motion picture director.

He said he had signed a contract to direct comedies for a new company for which incorporation papers were filed at Trenton, N. J., yesterday, by Edgar Mannix and J. Thomas Conners of Los Angeles.

He issued a signed statement in which he declared he was "done with acting," and that in the role of a director was his "chance to make good in the right way."

After Will H. Hays, titular head of the motion picture industry, announced just before Christmas that Arbuckle, whose career was halted by his three trials for manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, screen actress, was to "have another chance," the fat comedian announced plans for appearing again before the camera. Protests from various sources in all parts of the country, apparently caused him to change his mind.

Pauline Frederick Case Up

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Trial of a suit for $36,000 brought by George Edwin Joseph, New York attorney, against Pauline Frederick, actress of stage and screen and of her cross suit for $46,647 against Joseph, was scheduled to open in the Los Angeles superior court today.

Joseph's suit, based on an assigned claim brought by C. H. Sharkinow, alleges the actress owes $36,000 as a fixed percentage of her earnings on a contract obtained for her with a motion picture company.

Miss Frederick now in the east, asserts that of the $46,647 she seeks from Joseph, $31,800 is due for professional services, not detailed; $10,000 represents a sum she turned over to him to invest in Liberty bonds for her; and $5,847 is an amount he collected for her, but has not yet paid over.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT TAKEN OUT BY MOB

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 31.—Charles Gleeson of Butte, a student in the University of Montana here was taken from a fraternity house at 11 p. m. Monday night by a band of masked men. Gleeson, the second student kidnapped by masked men within the last five days and later released, refused today to make any statement regarding the occurrence.

Lew Dockstader Paralyzed.

NEW BRUNSWICW, N. J., Jan. 31.—Lew Dockstader, minstrel, today is lying in a local hotel virtually paralyzed.

Mr. Dockstader slipped on the ice and fell last night. Physicians said his spine was injured and his condition serious.

Chicago High School Senior Shoots Self, Drug Habit Cause

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—George E. P. Roth, 16 year old high school senior today was in a hospital here said by physicians to be near death from a bullet wound self inflicted, because, he told his father, he had formed an unconquerable drug habit that had forced him from school and denied him the privilege of graduating with his class tomorrow.

He told his father that he bought the drugs from a youth who stood outside the high school and peddled to high school girls and boys.

MOVIE BILL IN LEGISLATURE IS LIKELY TO PASS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—Unfavorable report on the bill providing penalties for hunters who shoot other hunters, introduced by Representative G. A. Lovejoy of Portland, has been prepared by the house judiciary committee of the Oregon legislature.

The same committee is reported divided on the bill of Representative D. S. Beals of Douglas county, which adds insanity as a ground for divorce. Majority and minority reports are expected tomorrow on the measure which permits divorce when an insane husband or wife is confined in an Oregon institution for the insane. The bill provides exception in case where insanity has been caused by the plaintiff.

The house committee on revision of laws has reported favorably representative E. D. Hurd's bill to prohibit fixing of admission prices for motion picture theaters by producers and distributors.

The proposal of the state audit committee to have a state finance commission created by the legislature has been abandoned and the amended bill to be submitted by the joint committee on assessment and taxation will, if passed, place the supervision of bond issues of municipal corporations, drainage districts and the like under the control of the corporation commissioner.

Members of both houses of the legislature were in Eugene today as guests of the University of Oregon and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 31.—Merchandise valued at $2,500 was stolen some time during the night from the Grand Leader drygoods store and the Boeschar-Hooton furniture store by burglars who entered the two establishments through windows opening on the one story annex of the Grand Leader.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 31.—Jewelry valued at $250,000, the property of Mrs. David G. Joyce, wife of a millionaire Chicago lumberman, was reported stolen this afternoon. It is believed the jewels were stolen from Mrs. Joyce's bed room at the Joyce winter mansion last night while the family was at dinner in the dining room.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 30.—Luigi Vitellaro's name was today added to Birmingham's axe murder list. He died of injures received a week ago.

Twelve of 28 persons similarly attacked have died.

FRENCH QUIT BRITISH TO HELP TURKS

British Delegtaion Enraged When France Refuses to Carry Out Agreement Regarding Departure From Lausanne—France Is Opposed to Stern Measures,

LAUSANNE, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French delegation's announcement that it would not consent to leaving Lausanne so long as there were prospects of agreement with Turkey led to complications among the allies which brought the Near East conference today to the brink of a greater impasse than had been anticipated for "Treaty Day."

The French decision, which was understood to have the support of the Italian delegation was further confirmed by a message to M. Bompard from Paris declaring that France was willing to make further concessions to the Turks and that she did not consider the allied treaty as definite.

The British received the French announcement as "a flagrant violation of the mutual agreement arrived at by the allies' plenipotentiaries only a few days ago."

This agreemnt provided that if Turkey did not sign the treaty upon its presentation today the powers would withdraw, leaving a few experts to supply the Angora representatives with any desired information. The plan contemplated the return of the main delegations if, and when the Turks agreed to sign.

Italy Supports France

Such a procedure, it was said, appeared to France too much like an ultimatum, therefore constituting an obstacle in the way of peace, and the French delegates took the ground that if Turkey requested time for deliberation, the allies should remain here.

In this position M. Bompard was said to have received the support of Italy.

Efforts to mediate the differences between the Turks and the powers were continue up to the last minuate, with Ambassador Child taking an active part in the consultation designed to save the conference.

The Turks spent the night formulating counter proposals to the treaty. They described the allied terms as worse than anything they had expected, calling particular attention to the provision for a system of "legal advisers." This, they said, "was absolutely unacceptable."

Ismet Asks Two Weeks

LAUSANNE, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation to the Near East conference, asked the conference today for a delay of two weeks before the signature of peace and a delay of eight days before a meeting of the conference commission.

The interval would be employed, he explained, in striving by every means to reach an agreement.

The Turks desired the delay of eight days so that they need not give a definite reply as to acceptance of the treaty until that time expired.

The session was suspended to allow the allies to reach an agrement on the reply to be made to Ismet.

On the resumption of the conference session Lord Curzon announced it would be impossible completely to satisfy the Turkish requirements as to time but personally he was ready to remain at Lausanne until Sunday evening.

Curzon Presents Views

LAUSANNE, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—A long consultation among the allied delegates in an endeavor to maintain a united front against the Turks preceded the opening of the Near East conference today. It was said the British would probably be disposed to grant the Turks some days for reflection.

All the allied delegations, including the Americans, agreed that the negotiations could not be long protracted.

Lord Curzon in beginning his address today said the primary object of the treaty was to bring to an end the terrible war which had desolated eastern Europe and large areas of Asia for more than eight years and thus enable all the various armies, whether allied, Turkish or Greek to go back to their homes. The treaty also was designed to enable the state which was vanquished in the war

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Senator Poindexter to Be Appointed U. S. Ambassador Peru

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—Inquiry has been made by the American government as to whether appointment of Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington as American ambassador to Peru would be acceptable to the government of that republic.

Although no response has been received, it is the expectation in official circles that the selection will be approved and that Mr. Poindexter, who retires from the senate on March 4, will be nominated for the post at Lima within the next few weeks.

The place has been vacant for more than a year.

Both the White House and the

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state department declined today to discuss the action, but it is known that for some time Senator Poindexter has been under consideration for some position within the appointive power of the president. Some of his friends have urged that he be made a federal judge and it is understood also that at one time his name was given serious consideration in connection with the governor generalship of the Philippines should Major General Wood decide to relinquish that position.

Mr. Poindexter is a republican, was a follower of Theodore Roosevelt in the 1912 campaign and is completing his second term in the senate. In the November elections he was defeated for re-election. Before he entered the senate he was a member of the house and before that served as a superior court judge in Spokane county, Washington.

STEWART TORNEY, MEDFORD AVIATOR, DIES IN ILLINOIS

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Lieutenant Stewart W. Torney, in the aviation branch of the army, died Friday of pneumonia at Chanute Field, Ill., and was buried Monday in Arlington cemetery, according to advices received here today. He attended grammar schools here and high schools at Medford, Ore., and enlisted just before the United States declared war against Germany.

Stewart Torney lived with his parents in this city for several years, and his father was a mining engineer, who operated in the Palmer creek district.

Stewart was a student at the Medford high school, and was a member of the football and basketball teams, and to this day is credited with being the best basketball guard, ever developed in this section. He played on the 1916 team, and, like most of its personnel enlisted in the aviation corps, at the first appearance of war clouds in 1917, while attending school. Early in 1917, his family moved to Washington state.

Torney participated in the transcontinental aeroplane flight in 1919, and was a close contestant in that thrilling contest. His untimely death will bring regret and sorrow to scores of friends in this city.

FAIR DATES SET BY ASSOCIATION

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 30.—Dates for fairs in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia cities and communities were set today by the Pacific Northwest Fair association, in session here as follows:

Multnomah county, Oregon, August 1-5; Spokane, Washington, September 9-15; Salem, Oregon, October 1-6; Vancouver, B. C., August 11-18.

Officers will be elected at the closing session this afternoon.

The financial report of the association showed a large surplus on hand.

G. BRITAIN ACCEPTS U.S. DEBT OFFER

British Cabinet Decides to Accept America's Plan for Settlement of War Debt—Harding Administration Is Delighted—Stocks Rise On News of Favorable Action.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—Great Britain has decided to accept the American offer in regard to the funding of the British war debt to the United States.

The government's decision was reached at a cabinet meeting this afternoon. There was a full attendance of the ministers and they entered the meeting with the decision already formed to follow the recommendation of the chancellor of the exechequer as the session lasted only a few minutes.

The terms are three per cent for ten years and three and one-half per cent thereafter. No reservation was made regarding Great Britain's being allowed to pay the total sum after the ten year period.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—The British decision to accept the American debt funding suggestions was said today by Secretary Mellon to open the way for immediate drafting of recommendations to the president fr changes in tions to the president for changes in suggested in the American proposition.

While the secretary explained that no public move would be made by the American commission pending receipt of official notification of the decision, which must come through the British embassy, he explained that the American commission was in a position to begin at once an outline of details which the president could transmit to congress.

The nature of the recommendations which the commission may make was not disclosed but indications were that a broadening of the commission's authority would be requested so that it would carry the negotiations to an early conclusion with a hope of final settlement before congress ends its session on March 4.

JUDGE CALKINS IS ELECTED HEAD OF CITY WATER COM.

Although Judge F. M. Calkins is still sojourning in southern California and A. L. Hill was unable to be present the other members of the new city water commission recently appointed by Mayor Gaddis held a meeting last night in the city recorder's office and organized. Mr. Hill had previously given his sanction to the program put through last night. The members present were H. L. Walther, Olen Arnspiger and Delroy Getchell.

Judge Calkins was elected chairman of the commission, and H. L. Walther, vice chairman. Olen Arnspiger served as chairman pro tem at the meeting. By the terms of the ordinance creating the commission the city recorder and city treasurer, are named as clerk of the commission and treasurer respectively, and City Recorder Alford was present last night in that capacity.

The commission is anxious to get started on its duties of taking over and operating the city water works as soon as possible, and hence the calling of the meeting last night, instead of waiting for the return of Judge Calkins. Beyond choosing the above officers and talking over the water situation informaly nothing else was done, nor will anything further be done until Judge Calkins comes back. Efforts will be made to get in touch with him at once.

Another Star Operated On.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Viola Dana, motion picture actress, underwent an operation for appendicitis today at a local hospital. The operation was a success and Miss Dana's condition is satisfactory, her physician said.

Pension Bill Up Again.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. — The Bursum pension bill as modified after the recent veto of President Harding, was reported favorably today by the senate pensions committee after elimination of some of the provisions objected to by the president.

A New Klan Stunt; Minister Presented With Bunch Flowers

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—An usher bearing a wreath of white flowers encircling a cross of red, halted the sermon of Dr. Charles Reign Scovill, an evangelist, here last night, when the flowers were offered to the minister. A note of explanation stated it was from the Ku Klux Klan of this city, and said the efforts of the preacher to encourage law enforcement here was highly appreciated.

MAYOR OF MER ROUGE RECEIVES K.K.K. WARNING

MONROE, La., Jan. 31.—Federal authorities, it was learned here today probably will be asked to take some action in conection with receipt yesterday of a threatening letter by Robert L. Dade, mayor of Mer Rouge, in which the mayor was warned to leave the town within ten days or "become a corpse."

The communication, dated January 28 and signed "Law Abiding," bore a Hot Springs, Ark., postmark. It was intimated that the authorities would call the letter to the attention of the department of justice agents who are still in Morehouse parish gathering additional evidence in connection with last summer's kidnappings.

The writer warned the mayor to "pack up and get out of town within ten days of receipt of this notice.

Mr. Dade, was an important witness for the state at the Bastrop hearing.

ARDMORE, Okla., Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Jeff Smith of Healdton was to take the stand in his own defense today at his trial on a charge of slaying Joe Carroll, who was shot down by a band of masked men at his home in Wilson a year ago. Indications were that the case would go to the jury before night. Ten other men are to be tried on similar charges.

EIGHT HOUR DAY A GREAT BENEFIT TO STANDARD OIL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Inauguration of the eight hour day by the Standard Oil company of California has proven an economic benefit, K. B. Kingsbury, president of the company, asserted today at the senate oil inquiry.

Mr. Kingsbury described his company as the pioneer in establishment of the eight hour day in the oil industry, having abandoned the twelve hour shift in 1917.

"What was the effect of the change," the committee attorney asked.

"It has been eminently beneficial" the witness replied.

"It has added to the efficiency, the esprit de corps and the morale of the men."

Mr. Kingsbury added that in the case of drillers, although the change added fifty per cent to the total payroll, it was found that the average cost of drilling wells, decreased during the first six months the new scale was in effect.

ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY NEXT MOVE

France and Belgium to Give Germans Last Chance Tonight to Stop Strike and Agree to Pay Reparations—Situation Growing Worse in Ruhr Basin.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Apparently basing their statements upon General DeGoutte's warning to Germany, some of the English correspondents at Duesseldorf asert that the French almost immediately will send Berlin a notification, equivalent in spirit, if not in form, to an ultimatum, demanding reversal of Wilhelmstrasse's policy regarding the Ruhr.

Germany is to be told, the Post's Duesseldorf correspondent says, that France, will not tolerate passive hostility supported and financed by the German government and that if a satisfactory reply is not given, drastic measures will be taken exceeding any already in operation.

Dispatches to the telegraph say this notification will probably be forwarded to Germany this afternoon. The correspondent adds that it is not known what form the threatened measures will take, but says they are not likely to involve further occupation of territory.

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 31.—The Cologne-Berlin main trunk line telephone and telegraph cable was again cut today in several places near Essen. That city is completely cut off from the remainder of Germany.

A message from Coblenz announces that 34 German civil officers were being expelled today from the Rhineland under the orders issued yesterday by the Rhineland high commission.

Coal Production Falls

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Coal production in the Ruhr valley is rapidly decreasing. Only 10,461 coal cars were loaded Monday instead of 22,000, the normal number. The scarcity of empty cars is becoming acute. Coal is accumulating at the pit heads.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.——The cabinet of Saxony resigned today after failing to obtain a vote of confidence in Herr Lipinski, the minister of the interior. The vote was carried by the non-socialist and communist parties.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—An apparently inspired statement issued by a semi-official news agency says it is the task of the German people to reduce Premier Poincare's calculations to an absurdity. The statement concludes:

"Not until France realizes that Poincare's action in the Ruhr is not only unjust but also a mistake which must be made good, can the path to negotiations become free.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—Hugo Stinnes has repudiated the contract for construction work in the devastated area of France which he concluded several months ago with Marquis Lubersac, says the Deutsche Bergerkszeitung.

Hundrews of carloads of building material have been sent into northern France under the provisions of the agreement.

ONE SHIP IN RUSSIAN REFUGEE FLEET LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD

MANILA, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—With the arrival here today of the steamship Paris, a belated member of the fleet of Russian refugees, it was learned that her sister ship had been sunk off Formosa last week with the loss of twenty lives.

The vessel collided with the Paris in a furious storm and because of the tremendous seas the Paris was unable to pick up any survivors. The sister ship had twenty persons aboard and all are believed to have been lost. Four other ships of the fleet also were caught in the Formosa storm but managed to weather it.

The Paris had left Formorsa with 31 aboard but arrived with 32, a child having been born enroute.

The other three belated vessels of Admiral Stark's Vladivostok exiles arrived today at Bolinao Cove, 200 miles north of Manila, according to a dispatch received at the office of Governor General Wood. It was understood that officials at Bolinao had instructed the ships to proceed to Manila where they should arrive tomorrow.

The refugees now at Mariveles who arrived last week with Admiral Stark have been clothed by the Red Cross. The women and children have been given clean quarters in the quarantine station. The Russians have no plans for the future but are awaiting word from Washington as to whether they will be allowed to remain indefinitely in the Philippines.

$93,000 ARMY PAYROLL HOLD-UP DONE BY 2 ARMY CORPORALS, BOTH ARRESTED

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 31.—Charged with the holdup and robbery of a $93,000 army payroll in front of the First National bank at Hampton yesterday, Corporals John S. Wood and James Harvey were held under military guard at Langley Field today pending a decision as to whether they will be tried before civil or military court. It appeared probable that the two men would be brought before a court martial.

Of the amount missing $5000 was said to have been in silver and this the men are believed to have been forced to abandon. When arrested last night after a search by military and county authorities, the men were said to have had the notes, comprising most of the money taken, concealed about their person.

Search for the men began when Captain Norman D. Cott, chief finance officer, his assistant, chauffeur and a guard of two enlisted men were found bound, gagged and tied to trees in the woods near Big Betel, about 20 miles from here. They said they had been held up in front of the bank at Hampton, placed in their automobile and taken on a drive with the curtains down, which ended in the ditching of the machine near the spot where they were found. They said during the drive they recognized Wood and Harvey.

Several persons who saw the holdup later said they thought they were witnessing only an arrest by military authorities.

Army records give Corporal Harvey's home as Philadelphia and Corporal Wood's as Reidville, Tenn.