

**The Weather**

Prediction Fair  
 Maximum yesterday 36  
 Minimum today 16.5

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**

Maximum 42  
 Minimum 27  
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## RHINELAND REPUBLIC TO BE FORMED

**Berlin Reports French and Belgian Forces to Support Separation of Big Area From Germany—Martial Law to Be Declared—Ruhr Completely Isolated**

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Separatists' agents and agitators in the Rhineland in conference at Coblenz since the departure of the American troops have been drafting plans for the proclamation of a Rhineland republic today, says a Coblenz dispatch received here last evening.

The contemplated coup is to be carried out with the aid of the French and Belgian military forces who will promptly proceed to proclaim martial law, seize all lines of communication and evict the German officials, the dispatch said.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The closing of the Dortmund gateway, the only remaining exit into unoccupied Germany was undertaken by the French early today upon the receipt of instructions from Paris to complete the isolation of the Ruhr.

This step, which translates into action the decision of the French and Belgian governments to shut off the coal and coke supplies from the rest of the Reich follows quickly the assumption of the customs control by the allies yesterday and leaves the Ruhr completely at the disposal of the occupying forces.

With all the Ruhr customs posts, as well as many large warehouses in their possession, the French find that coal production is being considerably reduced while the rail strike is still effective. The shortage of cars at the mine may result, it is feared, in the suspension of mining operations for a few days because of the congestion at the pit heads.

Taking stock of yesterday's coal production the occupying experts found that slightly more than 50,000 tons were taken out. This is less than half of the usual amount and was the poorest showing for any day since the occupation began three weeks ago.

**Deport High School Students**  
 Among the increasing number of persons deported are 25 high school students of Aix La Chapelle. They are charged with holding a demonstration.

Automobiles are still used to take ejected civilians across the border.

Dr. Gruetner, president of Rhineland Prussia, in an interview published in the Cologne Gazette says he had reliable information to the effect that the French wish to annex the Ruhr and that the installation of their own customs system is the first step toward that end.

When this statement was called to the attention of French general headquarters officials replied that it was probably for the purpose of resisting annexation that a brigade of young men escaped from the Ruhr since the occupation, organizing at Hanover, under the name "Hudenburg brigade," the French say that this force already numbers several thousand fully armed men.

MULHEIM, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hugo Stinnes came to the occupied Ruhr area yesterday for his first visit since the arrival of the French. The magnate's colleagues here and elsewhere have been urging him to remain outside the occupied zone for the present, but Herr Stinnes

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## Tourists Held Up at Roseburg, Forced To Drive All Night

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 1.—Held up by a pair of robbers near Roseburg last night and relieved of between \$300 and \$400, and being forced to drive through the night while covered by the bandits' guns until they reached a point three miles south of Oregon City early this morning, when the highwaymen left them, was the experience of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of Sumner, Wash., according to a report they made to Sheriff Wilson here today.

The sheriff obtained a description of the men and immediately sent deputies to attempt to pick up the trail of the robbers in the vicinity of Pulp Sliding where the Smiths said the pair left them.

## THINK FRENCH BRITISH BREAK NOT PROBABLE

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British government today received a note from France, the substance of which is that France reserves the right to undertake separate negotiations with Turkey in the event of the Lausanne conference failing.

The opinion was expressed in official circles here that the events of the past 24 hours appear to have put the French note in abeyance. The news received from Lausanne states there is great hope the conference will prove successful.

LAUSANNE, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Russian delegation at the Near East conference announced at the meeting of the straits commission today that Russia would not sign the convention providing for control of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus.

## S. S. BESSIE DOLLAR ADRIFT IN PACIFIC

SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—The steamship Bessie Dollar which became disabled in the Pacific ocean Tuesday 303 miles west of San Francisco, was still drifting helplessly without a rudder and battered by heavy seas, according to a wireless message received at noon today by the Merchant's Exchange here.

The vessel, owned by the Robert Dollar company, was bound from Bellingham, Wash., to Kobe, Japan, with a cargo of lumber.

The steamship Pomona, which was reported steaming to the aid of the disabled vessel, apparently had not been sighted when the wireless message was sent. The Bessie Dollar's message said attempts to rig a jury rudder had failed.

**INCREASE IN FIRES IS CAUSED BY WOMEN**  
 NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Women smokers are suspected of having caused the heavy increase in loss by fires in the United States during the last year, reported by the national board of fire underwriters today to have amounted to \$25,982,022. The total loss by fire in the country for the year, according to the report was \$435,000,000.

## TACOMA CITY OFFICIAL TURNS BANDIT, HOLDS UP MAN, ROBS JEWELRY STORE

TACOMA, Feb. 1.—Victor Dennis, 31, a city meat inspector was arrested early this morning and charged with kicking in the plate glass windows of two local stores and taking jewelry and other goods valued at more than \$2,000.

Dennis confessed, the police said, and also admitted he was the man wearing a badge who yesterday held up and robbed C. J. McKellar in Everett of \$65.

## GAS TANK EXPLODES, 3 ARE KILLED

**Business Section Springfield, Mass., Shattered When Huge Gas Tank Blows Up—City Hall Wrecked—Fires Break Out—Militia Called Upon.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 1.—At least three lives were lost, about 100 persons were injured and the business section of this city was shaken with damage to several buildings, including the city hall, by the explosion of a gas tank today. Fire followed the explosion but was soon subdued.

The tank which exploded was 40 feet high. It was said to have been nearly full of gas at the time. The cause of the explosion is as yet undetermined.

When the blast came it rocked the city hall so much that one side of the building was badly damaged. Automobiles in the streets were struck by bricks and stonework and firemen had to dig them out. Occupants escaped serious injuries, according to first reports.

Buildings two miles from the scene were shaken.

Fire followed the explosion but firemen formed a cordon around the wreckage of the tank and indications were that the flames would not spread.

The four companies of state militia stationed here were ordered to report to their armories to be held in reserve for patrol duty. Members of the state constabulary stationed at Northampton were ordered to proceed here for duty at once.

Office workers and persons in the streets were struck down by debris. Workers in the plant were reported seriously hurt. Automobiles in the streets were huddled in wreckage. The municipal group of buildings about the city hall, banks and business blocks were in the area in which windows were broken. Persons in these buildings comprised many of the injured.

The big storage tank was located at the foot of Elm street, near Water, and not far distant from the Connecticut river.

## CONRAD OLSON, EX SUP. CT. JUSTICE IS RE-INDICTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—Conrad P. Olson, who was president of the State bank of Portland when it failed recently; Leroy D. Walker, who was president at the time the bank was consolidated with the People's bank, and Anton Ekern, vice president, were re-indicted today by the county grand jury on four counts charging that they had received deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent.

E. T. Gruewell, cashier of the State bank, was freed of charges when the grand jury failed to indict him. Previous indictments against Gruewell had been dismissed on account of irregularities and when the grand jury reconsidered the case, the evidence against him was not found sufficient.

District Attorney Stanley Meyers said today that he would ask for an early trial of the three bankers re-indicted today.

## ASTORIA COMPANY GETS BIG CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Gilpin Construction company of Astoria, Ore., was awarded a contract by the navy department today as lowest bidder, for work on the submarine base at Tongue Point, Oregon, at the mouth of the Columbia river.

## ALLEGED "FLAPPER BANDIT" "QUEEN" RULES BAND ACCUSED OF HOLDUPS



Elizabeth "Honey" Sullivan, 21-year-old girl, charged by the Chicago police with being the "queen" of a bandit gang which they say is responsible for thefts and hold-ups totaling \$100,000. They are now on the trail of Glen Kenney, who, they allege, is the "chief" sweetheart of Honey.

## DEBT SOLUTION BOOSTS STOCKS LONDON CHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 1.—As a result of Great Britain's acceptance of the American debt refunding proposals gilt edged securities under the lead of the British acceptance, confidence in the other sections of the stock market.

The more favorable position of the foreign exchange market was regarded as largely sentimental, and though transfers rose to 4.66 3/8, exchange experts said that business was not large in view of the large amount of the debt payable annually.

It was believed that this feature would act as a brake to the soaring dollar.

The improvement in the pound affected the French franc, which rose to 78.20, while the German mark sold at 190,000 to the pound, against yesterday's 205,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Secretary Mellon, chairman of the American debt funding commission, today called a meeting of the commission for late in the afternoon to make plans for presenting to congress the American-British agreement accepted in London yesterday.

More details of the British action are expected through diplomatic channels today and upon the completeness of these details will depend how far the American commission can go at today's meeting in outlining its next move.

Some reports received in government circles indicated it was said, that the British acceptance, which was reported by Ambassador Harvey as "in principle," was on a basis which would not materially change even minor details of the plan as suggested by the American commission. Lacking final information on this point, however, debt commission officials declined to indicate the amount of payments which the 3 and 3 1/2 per cent interest rates with the one-half one per cent amortization payment would bring to the United States annually in retirement of the British obligations.

Various estimates of the annual payments ranged from \$125,000,000 to more than \$200,000,000. The interest rate of 3 per cent, effective for the first ten years, would on its face mean a payment of about \$125,000,000 a year, but other phases of the program may operate to change this amount.

One of the first questions before the commission is the decision whether to ask for a general amendment of the present law to encompass the British settlement or to rely instead upon acceptance of the British terms specifically upon a resolution of congress. The latter plan was said to have the support of President Harding, Senator Snoot and Representative Burton, the two congressional members of the commission, have stood for general changes in the law liberalizing its provisions and giving the commission full power to complete the settlement. It was declared at the treasury, however, that the commission members would get together speedily on some means of procedure that would guarantee early action by congress.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is authoritatively stated that the officials of the British government consider the American terms for the funding of the British war debt to the United States to have been completely accepted by yesterday's action of the British cabinet. While the words "in principle" were used in informing both

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## HALL'S BILL IS TABLED BY SENATE

**Action on Consolidation Measure Postponed—Senator Eddy Is Winner Over Upton Machine in First Important Test—Garb Bill Signed—K. K. Kubli Returns.**

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—Senator Charles Hall's bill providing for consolidation of state offices and commissions was tabled today by the Oregon senate, on motion of Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, for which 17 senators voted.

Eddy's motion was made when Hall moved that the bill be made a special order for tomorrow. Senators who favored tabling the Hall measure said the action was taken in order to give further consideration to three other pending consolidation measures.

The senate today passed Senator S. M. Brown's bill providing that one member of the state game commission for western Oregon and one member from the eastern part of the state must be dirt farmers.

Announcement was made today that Governor W. H. Pierce had signed Representative W. F. Woodward's bill forbidding public school teachers appearing in religious garb.

Speaker K. K. Kubli of the house returned to Salem today from his home in Portland, where he went last week on account of illness and planned to take the chair this afternoon.

Trimmed with amendments insisted upon by Willamette valley and eastern Oregon delegations, the Roosevelt coast memorial highway bill passed the house today after an hour and forty minutes' debate, without a dissenting vote.

The amendments in brief specify that the \$2,500,000 bond issue, authorization for which will expire at midnight today, shall be available for construction of the Roosevelt highway, "only when the United States shall make available any specific funds to apply exclusively upon the construction of the highway or any part of it."

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—One of the administration's law enforcement measures, the bill by Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, creating a fund for use of the governor, passed the senate today. The bill provides that 75 per cent of fines collected from violators of the prohibition law go to the counties for law enforcement purposes, and 25 per cent to the state treasurer for the governor in employing special agents and for other expenses of law enforcement. The bill by Senator R. S. Farrell, Portland, which would create a fund in each school district for education of crippled children, passed the senate today.

A person who has killed or injured another person with firearms, either intentionally or not, would be prohibited thereafter from carrying firearms by a bill introduced by Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield, which passed the senate today.

A bill by Senator W. H. Strayer of Baker, providing the right of appeal to the supreme court from actions of the board of tax equalization, also passed the senate.

The senate today was expected to take up the bill by Senator Charles Hall providing for consolidation of state departments and commissions.

A meeting this morning of the committee named to investigate charges of Senator I. N. Staples of Portland that unnecessary clerks and stenographers had been employed by the legislature was marked by exchange of personalities between Staples and Senator Gus C. Moses of Portland, and charges by Staples that during the 1921 legislature excessive overtime allowances had been made for employes.

## \$100,000 FIRE AT NEWPORT, OREGON

NEWPORT, Ore., Feb. 1.—Fire last night at the Multnomah Lumber and Box company camp on Spencer creek, about eight miles up the coast, destroyed the workshops, roundhouse and two locomotives. The origin of the fire had not been determined early today. The loss was estimated by company officials as between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

**Calls Senator a Red.**  
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, was accused in the senate today by Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, of advocating farm credits and other legislation similar to the soviet policies of Lunine and Trotsky.

## California Freezes With Fifteen Above Reported Mt. Wilson

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—A temperature of 15 degrees above zero was reported for Mount Wilson in southern California today, while temperatures ranging between 20 and 40 prevailed over the remainder of the state, according to the United States weather bureau here. A continuation of the cold snap with heavy frosts is promised for tonight and tomorrow over the entire state.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Los Angeles awakened after its coldest night for this season in eighteen years, the thermometer at the local weather bureau station downtown registering a low mark of 36 degrees, while the environs were lower. Pomona reporting 28 degrees and Mount Wilson 15.

## ALEX SPARROW RESIGNS POST CRATER L. SUPT.

Due to the necessity of increased attention to private business interests Alex Sparrow, superintendent of Crater National park for the past six years and for four years previous to that overseer at the park, one of the most popular and efficient superintendents in the national park service, has been forced to tender his resignation to the secretary of the interior.

This news will be received with profound regret not only in Medford but all over the state, but the local kloom thus engendered is much assuaged by the fact that Mr. Sparrow will continue to reside in this vicinity at Kirtland Farm and to take active part in the city's activities.

Secretary of the Interior Fall has accepted Mr. Sparrow's resignation with the greatest regret, his department announces, and has appointed as his successor Charles Goff Thomson, now temporarily residing at Iliou, New York, although most of his life has been spent in the Philippines and the South Seas on federal business.

Mr. Thomson is expected to arrive here about the middle of February to assume his new duties and Mr. Sparrow will remain in office until he has helped the new superintendent to get thoroughly grounded in the Crater National Park work. Mr. Thomson is also the author of several successful novels, which have gained him great prominence as a writer. His appointment by Secretary Fall is also announced, is in line with all appointments made by the secretary of the interior for high caliber men as superintendents in the national park service.

Mr. Thomson is married and has two children, and will make his winter headquarters in Medford.

Aside from his fine military record in the late world war, where as lieutenant colonel of the remount service he was cited for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services, Mr. Thomson's Philippine record as an executive and administrator has been unusually fine and brilliant, according to a statement given out by the interior department, which follows in part:

"One of his former high superiors in the Philippine government states that his first assignment was for work in the control of epidemic diseases then seriously menacing the supply of work animals in the interior."

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## "WE'LL BEAT FRENCH!" CRY GERMANS ON RUMORS OF LAUSANNE BREAK

ESSEN, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Ruhr forgot its own troubles last evening upon receipt of Lausanne dispatches from German sources announcing "the final break between England and France over the Near East question."

Certain war between Great Britain and France! screamed the headlines on one newspaper extra. Great crowds gathered in front of the bulletin boards in Essen and Duesseldorf to cheer the reports from Lausanne. For the first time in three weeks there was joy in the Ruhr. The population had been waiting in front of the newspaper offices in the expectation that the French ultimatum to Germany would be published. When news of a

## HIGHWAY TO CRATER L. TO BE FINISHED

**R. A. Booth Writes County Judge of Final Success of Latter's Plan—State and Forest Service to Finish Work in Two Years—No Tourist Travel Halted.**

The state and the U. S. forest service will complete the Crater Lake highway from Medford to the lake, according to a letter received today by County Judge Gardner from R. A. Booth, chairman of the State Highway commission. This means an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars, the macadamizing of the nine miles this side of Prospect, known as the Florence Hook grade and the macadamizing of the 15 miles from Union Creek toward the park, making a complete highway of macadam from Medford to the lake, to be finished within the next two years.

This final achievement is the result of many months of hard work and persistent effort by County Judge Gardner, who in spite of repeated discouragements, kept plugging away and finally was rewarded by getting what he and the people of Jackson county wanted.

The letter from Mr. Booth follows: Portland, Jan. 30, 1923. Judge G. A. Gardner, Jacksonville, Oregon. Dear George:

At a meeting a few days ago in Portland, we discussed with Mr. Cecil and Mr. Purcell the incomplete part of the Crater Lake road.

As a result it was agreed that the rocking, as needed of the road above Prospect should be done entirely with U. S. forest funds and these should complete the unimproved section not now under contract west of Prospect, and we ordered the engineer to prepare for advertising bids covering two years time, so that work might be suspended in the tourist season if thought necessary, so as not to interrupt travel.

I know this will please you as it does the commission. Yours truly, R. A. BOOTH.

## BOUGHT 141 ACRES OF CALIFORNIA LAND ONLY 19 ANY GOOD

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Dr. J. J. Shipley of Ottawa, Iowa, still owns 141 acres of California land which he bought from the Daniel Hayes company of Idaho for \$33,408, but only 19 acres is good land, he testified today in the trial of Daniel Hayes and his co-defendants on trial charged with using the mails to defraud.

The government charges that the company perpetrated a \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 fraud by selling Merced and Madera, California land, much of it alleged to have been arid and unfit for general cultivation.

Dr. Shipley said the company was reorganized and receivership proceedings were begun and he had been unable to get the company to buy back any of his land.

\$6000 Fire at Everett. EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 1.—Fire last night destroyed two dry kilns at the single mill of the Edwards Mill company on the waterfront here. The loss is placed at \$5,000.